



Up Close in Nature
- Julia martin



Open Category
- Andrew Cornhill



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Headmaster's Address

This year I would like to depart from the "normal" type of address that headmasters, including myself, have historically written for their schools' yearbooks. This year I would like to write something less traditional!

The tried and true addresses talk of things like, "memories," or "chronicles of the year just past," or "reflections," or even, "when you look back in the future." Honestly, I do not live in the past. This could be because my age. The fact is that at my age you cannot always remember the past, never mind live in it. Don't get me wrong, I appreciate history, but only to the extent that it can help me deal with the present or the future.

So what do I want to say that I have suggested may be construed as untraditional? Well, I want you to look at Voyages 2008 and, as opposed to thinking, "Gee whiz, what a great year I/WIC/those kids have had," I want you to think about how this yearbook can help you deal with your world of today and your world of the future.

To my parent readers, I would ask that you scan the pages of this yearbook with an eye that attempts to find the educational value in the events that the yearbook portrays. For example, "How will participation in the Students' Council help my child develop as a person so that in the future he/she can be of benefit to others?" Or, "How does The College's charity work mold my child and, how can I help WIC teach him/her the value of giving back to the community in which he/she holds such a privileged position?" Or, "How can I support my child's participation in life at The College, indeed, how can I encourage him/her to participate?"

In addressing members of The Board of Directors who are sitting down to read their copy of the book, I would say, take pride in this volume. Your demonstrated courage in supporting the multiplicity of activities this yearbook portrays is the lifeblood of our school's culture. Without your, "Go for it attitude," we would be just another ship at anchor in a safe harbour because there may be a storm out there. Do not lose your passion for adventure, for pushing the boundaries, for going to sea. Our kids need it now, and they will continue to need it as we discover new oceans for them to explore.

Teachers and staff, when you look at this book, you must understand that we could not do any of what is represented there without you. On behalf of this entire community, thank you for your commitment, your professionalism and your energy. But please remember, it is not about what we have done, it is about what we must do. The status quo cannot be accepted. By standing still we fall behind. The next generation of students deserves, and should demand, progress. Our work is therefore to look to the future not to dwell in the past; to seek new glories, not rest on earned laurels.

And finally, to the *two* students who will read this, this school is your school. Make a vow to yourself that next year there will be at least one more photograph of you in Voyages 2009 than there is of you in Voyages 2008. Making this promise come true will mean that you have committed to the future by building on the past, and trust me, the future is where it is at!

That's it, Readers, this is a yearbook that breaks trails, not one that has taken a beaten path.

Jack A. Grant
Headmaster



Board of Directors' Address

We have just past our first 25 years as a WIC community and are now entering our next 25 years. As we move forward, building on a strong foundation, the following vision statement has been developed to guide us over this period:

Parents, teachers and students share a purpose in developing, involving and engaging each child in unparalleled, relevant and diverse learning opportunities in an environment emphasizing:

- A strong sense of community that values and fosters the interpersonal relationships between parents, teachers and students.
- Curricula that are challenging and designed to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes that will create critical and independent thinkers with a passion for learning in university and beyond.
- The responsibility of becoming an informed and involved member of local, national and global communities.
- The development of character and integrity to act morally and with compassion.

In order to fulfill this vision, the strategic plan has identified five long-term goals:

- Ensuring that West Island College's programmes, faculty and alignment of resources address the multiple needs of its students, ensuring a balanced education for all.
- Attracting and retaining outstanding educators who are strongly committed to West Island College's mission, vision and goals.
- Engendering local, national and global citizenship in students.
- Ensuring current and future information technologies are responsibly and purposefully integrated with instruction and learning practices.
- Ensuring that succession of the Heads of School and of the Board of Directors is seamless, mission driven and effective.

This next year will be transitional as we move to implement these plans, look for a new Head Master and continue the vision Jack Grant has for West Island College. In doing so we are especially mindful of his wishes that WIC retain its student-centred culture which promotes inclusiveness, equality and accountability. With the successful implementation of the Long Term Plan, we look forward to welcoming second and third generations of graduates from West Island College. The next 25 years will require financial strength and the support of parents and alumni in order to fulfill the vision for West Island College.

In closing, I would like to thank all members of the Board of Directors, who provided many long hours to support the Board in its work. I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Bill Sembo, Sam Koliias, Karim Manji and Frank Mason, who are retiring from the Board after several years of dedicated service. As we move forward into this transitional period we look forward to the very capable leadership provided by Pam Nugent.

David Cornhill
Chair, Board of Directors 2007-2008



Junior School Address



Mr. Belisle

Writing an address each year which could possibly hold any interest for you is challenging on at least two levels: firstly, my eyes, my ears, my experiences, and my perception of life at WC do not fully mirror as an adult, as a parent, as a teacher and as an administrator, the way in which you perceive your experience as a teenager or young adult, as a student, as a teammate, as a son or daughter, and the list could go on; secondly, what is of import to each of us might possibly be, or necessarily should be, as diverse as our character, physical appearance, dispositions, attitudes, commitments, engagements and the like diversity breeds both uniqueness of experience, but it also breeds uniqueness in the perception of those experiences. Nevertheless, what we do share is a celebration of community, a celebration in which we are all participants and a community which is (to borrow from Abraham Lincoln when dedicating the military cemetery at Gettysburg) built by the people, of the people, and for the people.

Here is what I am more or less sure of, what I more or less believe to be true. This book will engage you because you will see within some element of your life experience, directly or vicariously, represented; your friends, and the joyous or precarious situations in which they find themselves, will make you laugh, bring a tear to eye, or invoke some nigh forgotten emotion; should you personally figure prominently, and happily, upon a page, you will pause and wonder why, when, how, who, and what only to inevitably settle upon how things have changed in only one year's time; and, should you dare to regard the contents of this book in years to come, the passing of time will only render more peculiar your perception of yourself and the experiences which surely will have fashioned you into the person you will have become. The greatest reward, however, and this again, I am only modestly sure of - but fully believe to be true - will be if you can, in years to come, continue to possess a part of yourself within the person you then are, a bridge, if you will, between past and present; a bridge, more importantly, between being young and growing old, and a bridge which impedes the separation of self from self throughout the complexities of human life. When you look back on these years with fond affection and conclude your monologue with, I like who I was then and I like who I now am, this book, and many others yet to come, will position themselves as the bridges in between.

Let us thank the faculty and students of the yearbook committee who have built such a steady and enduring bridge for us to cross.

Boyd Belisle
Head of Junior School

Senior School Address



Mr. McCarthy

There is no record like the pages of a yearbook to teach the value of small tools. These pages speak to each of us. Not simply of what we have done, accomplished or laughed through, but also are a record of, soon to be university students, professionals and one day grandparents holding small tools. Tools that will determine a lot about our destinies.

For the third time this year, I had the pleasure of chatting to Dr. Jane Goodall. As an academic, she is monumental. If there is a reward to be given for packaging monumental reputation into an unassuming, humble persona, she ought to win it. Her tool is a stuffed toy named Mr. H. It speaks of her kindness. Forty years ago, on the shores of Lake Tanganyika, she sat with another tool, a pen. She wildly wrote the paper that would show us all definitively we were not so separate from the chimps. She had just learned, how chimps coax termites out from the wood. Fishing from rotted trees meant tool use was not distinctly human. Those tools, the pen and the stick, made history.

In English class we meet salesmen, and archetype Willy Loman. He, too, loves tools. Biff and Happy, his sons, are told that a man who cannot use his tools is not to be trusted. Sadly, neither is their father. The tools he gives his sons, have already past their use in defining manhood. Probably, they never did, yet the fall of tools, the wrong ones, into disrepute leaves Willy a barren man. Nothing grows in the soil around his house except concrete. So without tools for reality, he slinks off into the shadows. It is called tragedy because we each carry its seeds inside ourselves.

What both Jane and Willy Loman teach us is that the tools we use give us the opportunity to express what is ours to the world outside. They do not ensure it. Van Gogh did this with knives and brushes, C.S. Lewis with this pen and inkwell, Archimedes his screw, and Steve Jobs with his computer.

The tools you see in these pages are what emancipate each of us. They allow us to share the imprints on our spirits with those who would listen, watch, read or feel, perhaps even smell. Using tools well is freedom. As you turn these pages, you will remember most the laughter with friends, the spirit day or the big game. But don't forget about the lovely tools; the pens, the brushes, paints, and voices.

Swing your hammers carefully and enjoy listening to everyone's drum.

Nigel McCarthy
Head of Senior School

Prefect address

The 2007-2008 Prefect Board had a year of excellent experiences. From the basics of learning how to say "Good Morning" to revisiting arts and crafts time at Ronald McDonald House, we seem to have tried it all. Working with an eclectic group of individuals was at times challenging. In the end these differences produced successful results for the school and a lot of gratification for the board. The Prefects' goal to become involved with Ronald McDonald House brought about personal fulfillment and created a legacy of giving which will also be carried on for years to come through the Grade Eight Explorations program. A special thanks to Zoë Cuthbertson, our Head Girl, for making it possible and to Ronald McDonald House for opening their home to us at WIC.

This year's "variety" of Prefects is what truly led to the growth, leadership and achievements of the board. So thanks to you guys! (In no particular order):

Reid "Blonde Jokes" Alston
Beth "Big-B" O'Dwyer
Hugh "Late Slip" Koliás
Graham "Goon" Blyth
Jenna "Let's get WILD" McLean
Alec "Birthday Boy" McCauley
Andrew "On the Ball" Cornhill
Matt "Ski Bum" Bell
Julia "Crack the Whip" Martin
Kerry "Lost in Space" Maguire
Robyn "The Quiet Negotiator" Burns
Nausheen "The Enforcer" Sadiq
Brian "Blue Steel" Handkamer
Alana "The Nice Prefect" McIntyre
Zoe "My Way or the Highway" Cuthbertson

Also thanks to Mr. McCarthy. You donated not only your valuable time and experience, but also several interesting jokes and insightful recommendations which kept us focused.

Thank you WIC, it has been a pleasure serving you... Now, would you like fries with that?

- Andrew "On the Ball" Cornhill & Nausheen "The Enforcer" Sadiq (With Credit to Edward O'Dwyer, Class of 2006)





Senior



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WICAA *awards*

Tuesday, June 10, 2008





**Lougheed Won the
House Cup for the
first time in 12**

YEARS!!!

GO LOUGHEED!!!!



Students' Council



Members:

Everett Knight
(President),

Audrey Wong (Secretary
Treasurer),

Mike Zawalsky (Sr. V.P.),
Vanessa Koliyas (Jr. V.P.)

Nausheen Sadiq/Razvan
Catrinesau,

Nick Veenhoven,

Jacob Ortt,

Patrick Smith,

Reid Foose,

Nathalie Douglas.



Address:

The Welcome Back Barbeque held in September was the start of an amazing, fun, and productive year for Students' Council. This amazing group of dedicated students that included Mike Zawalsky, Audrey Wong, Nausheen Sadiq, Razvan Catrinescu, Nick Veenhoven, Jacob Ortt, Vanessa Koliyas, Patrick Smith, Reid Foose, Natalie Douglas and our honorary member, Ross Rabinovitch, were each an important part of Students' Council's success this year. They worked very hard on all of our various events, working around the clock to keep school spirit high, and didn't come up short when it came to brainstorming ideas for any event or activity that was thrown at them.

This year Students' Council brought a new and different kind of light to each event. Events like the "awareness" campaigns that included Breast Cancer, Family Abuse, Poverty, and AIDS provided insight into serious community issues. Fun events and spirit activities like the Halloween haunted house, Halloween lip sync and fashion show, different theme days, Christmas talent show, and Valentines' match maker forms showed the charisma and determination that the council shared to offer the student body a good time. The Students' Council board and Student Council advertising never ceased to impress and get the events across. We also gave the student body a break from ordinary lunches with pizza lunches and a chance to indulge their sweet tooth through "Summative Sundaes" and Texas donuts. Students also had a chance to have fun, blow off some steam and show everyone their dance moves through the Beach Dance, Winter Wonderland Dance, and the opportunity to dress up and have fun with friends through the newly introduced Spring Formal Ball-something that we hope will become a yearly tradition.

Without the commitment of our team, none of these events would have been so successful. As well, the incredible enthusiasm shared by all members of Students' Council has positively affected the entire student body and hopefully will remain in the years to come. We've had many laughs and it was truly a pleasure serving the student body.

A special thank you and recognition goes out to Ms. Smith who has dedicated an incredible amount of time and energy overseeing our meetings and all of our many councils escapades and events.

The future has a way of arriving unannounced; its hard to believe that the year is over.

I wish you all well and good luck in the future.

Everett Knight
President, Students' Council 2007 / 2008

Leadership Retreat



The Leadership Retreat is a time of the year where all of the leaders around the school have fun and plan the next year.

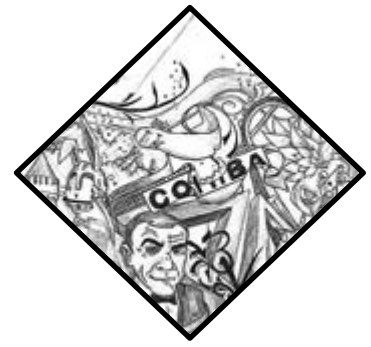


Leaders : Students' Council, WICAA, Peer Support, and Prefects





FACULTY



Louise Beaton



Scott Bennett



Nicole Bernard



Nathalie Bernier



Dan Bosica



Tina Butz



Dennis Cantrill



Karen Carle



Roland Chalifoux



Abby Charchun



Trina Clarke



Claire Dickens



Gail Faszer



Megan Foster



Bruce Friesen



Andre Gagnon



Irene Gagnon



Pamela Glover



Jack Grant



Stepani Grant



Ravinder Grewal



Wendy Hollinshead



Carla Huhn



Krista Kerr



Eva Knight



Adam Kuzik



Todd Larsen



Tara Law



Kimberly Lewis



John Liandzi



Ming Lim



Nicole McArthur



Murray Marran



Ken McCaffery



Nigel McCarthy



Missing Photos:
 Boyd Belilse, Chef
 Daryll, Groundskeeper
 Andy, Lisa Blads, Jason
 Grant, Kimberly Manes,
 and Cori Leslie, who runs
 away from the camera
 faster than shutter speed!



Krista McKay



Dawn Meckelborg



Vicky Minich



Chantal Nicolet



Yvonne Plante



Pierre Poitras



Malcolm Rennie



Lynne Rousom Lee



Linda Ryder



Jean-Francois Schell



Jamie Seymour



Heather Simard



Kristie Smith



Steven Smith



Armando Teves



Yves Theriault



Melissa Tonet



Elvia Twa



Philippa Webb-
Briscoe



Lana Wiltshire



Noreen Zaharko



Trevor Airey



Suane Richardson



Patricia O'Keane



Undergraduate Awards Ceremony

Friday, August 31 2007



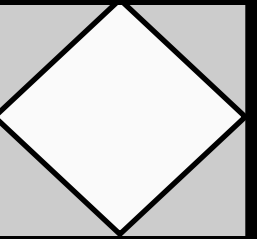
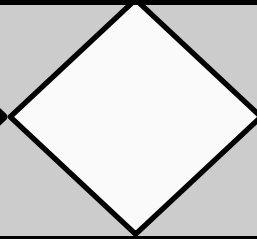
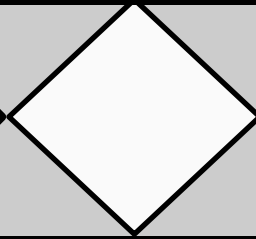
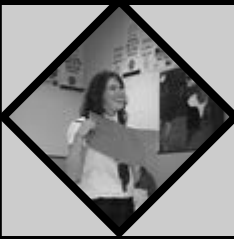


Highest Acedemics
Grade 7: Mikaela Bocking (1)
Grade 8: Courtney Chalifoux (2)
Grade 9: Jacob Ortt (3)
Grade 10: Christina Schweitzer (4)
Grade 11: Sean Spence (5)



JUNIOR & SENIOR CANDIDS





Junior Days

September 19 - 21 2007







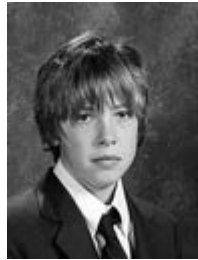
7TH GRADE



Duncan Alexander



Nina Anderson



Jack Autry



Michael Bica



Catherine Bootle



Kate Brough



Alexandra Campbell



Mollie Chapin



Mark Chomyn



Michael Christie



Jordan Clark



Alex Coffield



Manuel Collazos Quesy



Angelyn Crookes



Melissa Dimanno



Natalie Douglas



Catherine Eidus



Brian Evasiuk



Cole Fawcett



Kate Fenwick



Mikaela Gerwing



Neil Gill



Mitchell Graham



Thomas Hewlett



Lucas Hooper



Eiro Issakidis



Anastacia Jido



Nicholas Kaketsis



Zishan Kassam



Jonathan Harris



Tony Lee



Rebecca Lowe



Blake Macintosh



Connor Macrae



Connor McCann



Kathleen
McLean



Norman
McNiven



Boris Mihajlovic



Matthew Mitchell



Jordan Morabito



Dan Morgan



Angus Morison



Jacqueline
Nedohin



Kemal
Nishimura



Meagan Norris



Jack O'hara



Ryan Orr



Conrad Parken



Jerrod Parker



Danny Paulson



Caroline
Peplinski



George
Petropoulos



Hayden Provias



Afton Reid



Cassidy
Robertson



Shaanvir
Sadiura



Palmer Scott



Alexandra
Screpnechuk



Christina
Screpnechuk



Pierce Shomody



Julia Slubicki



Eric Smith



Jacqueline
Sparks



Brianna Stein



Jacob Stucken



Charlotte Tetley



Scott Timmons



Raymond-Laurent
Verbeke



Amelia Vernon



Ian Vincelli



Ali Virji



Max Werklund



Ella Williams



Harry Willis



Drew Wolfe



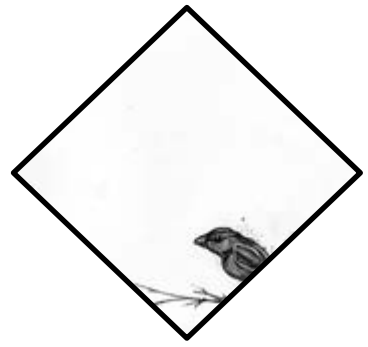
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Alee Woods



8TH GRADE



Victoria Anderson



Tyler Armeneau



Taylor Arnett



Catherine Beninger



Mikaela Bocking



Hayley Brillon



Jon Brumwell



Amanda Cameron



John Chan



Alexis Chang-Powless



Claire Connors



Brydon Coombe



David Coren



Natalia Czamecki



Michael Dodge



Kenny Dosanjh



Elishama Ewa



Reid Foose



Nicole Ghersinich



Jackson Gibson



Francois Giguere



Nahanni Giuricich



Liam Gledhil



Sarah Halpenny



Alexandra Hawley



Megan Howarth



Brett Hunt



Janelle Hurst



Conor Irvine



Scott Jeal



Ryan Jones



Lulu Kamel



Quinn Kerr



Connor Kitchen



Melissa Krowchuk



Etai Lahav



Anna Lang



Michael Lazar



Reese Lewis



Douglas MacArthur



Caitlin MacCuish



Devon Mackie



John Mackinnon



Madison Mackley



Sheleeza Manji



Liam McBean



Brandon McCann



Allison McNiven



Connor Meek



Mila Mezei



Maya Miller



Ben Morgan



Gavin Mundry



Dustin Nedohin



Chloë Nielsen



Carolyn O'dwyer



Oreoluwa Olaniyan



Colton Ollenberger



Gbemisola Olutogun



Brandon Palin



Florance Park



Silvanna Pender



Azra Rana



Samuel Rendulich



Taylor Russel



Kaylene Scheil



Brody Scott



Alexa Settari



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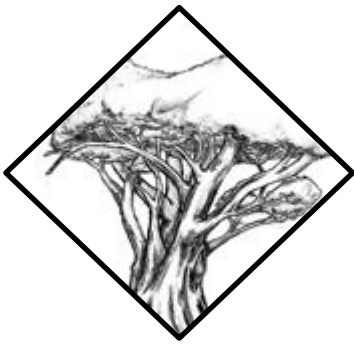


Raveen Virk



True Wilson





9TH GRADE



Steven Amundrud



Erin Baird



Alexander Bica



Michael Blood



Nigel Bocking



Stuart Boswell



Alisha Brown



Kristina Burt



James Cameron



Brooke Campbell



Courtney Chalifoux



Camille Charbonneau



Conor Charlton



Alexander Chen



Chris Chen



Hannah Chemos



Sara Chomyn



Taylor Clark



Aidan Cornhill



Natalia Dawid



Monica Deluca



Emily Donaldson



Douglas Doyle-Baker



David Ede



Brittany Ellam



Aaron Feicht



Natalie Fero



Rosemary Forget



Nicholas Gibson



Mathieu Girard



Quinn Gomez



Tegan Hill



Robert Howarth



Kevin Jeal



Anne Kelly



Justin Kim



Erik Kodnar



Vanessa Kolias



Elizabeth Kuzyk



Veon Lin



Adam Lowry



Gabrielle Macdonald



Philip Mackie



Donny Macleod



Padan Macrae



Josie Majeski

Michael Medvedovski

Alyssa Meyer

Timothy Miller

Danielle Milner

Rebecca Narfason

Brendan Nickles

David Norris

Sam Paxton



Katarzyna Pietrzak

Kristen Pow

Sarah Pradhan

Andrew Reeder

Carson Robertson

Connor Ross

John Ross

Hayley Rushford

Sasha Selby



Tyler Shackman

Savaya Shinkaruk

Courtney Smith

Patrick Smith

Christopher Spence

Troy Taylor

Erika Thompson

Jillian Tomimoto

Annie Tonken



Daniel Tyler

Jane Vandale

Stephen Vincelli

Rameez Virji

Stephanie Wong

Victoria Wonnacott





10TH GRADE



Christina Anda



Robbie Anderson



Sarah Anderson



Veronica Arnett



Christopher Axford



Katharine Briscoe



Jennifer Brown



Steven Brumwell



Andrew Chalmers



Michael Chernos



Jessica Chu



Jay Dillon



Alysha Dosanjh



Erin Douglas



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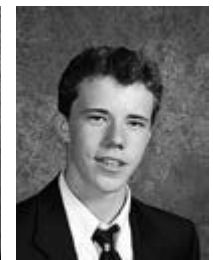
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Michael Issakidis



Donna Kasper



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Paul Kroliczek



Yangchhen
Lama



Jackie
Lebenzon



Craig Lennon



Evan Lennon



Alec Lowe



Shanley Maguire



Valeria Maslova



Justin McArthur



Cayleigh
McBean



Michael McCaig



Timothy
McGowan



Michael
McGregor



Keaton McLean



Alex Mezei



Allison Miller



Nadia Miller



Ava Mohan



Justin Morabito



Kathleen
Mullrooney



Zachary Nielsen



Ryan Okamura



Mitchell Orr



Jacob Ortt



Nathan Palin



Meredith Plant



Jamie Potter



Andrew
Pritchard



Fiona Ramsay



Tyson Riddell



Michael Rolfe



Nicholas Savoy



Tak Sembo



Sunpreet
Shergill



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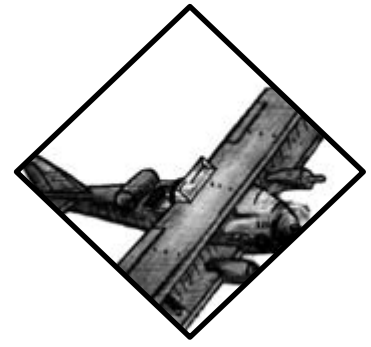


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Nikolas Clark



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Stephanie Cotton



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Talia Donsky



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Carolyn Ede



Marco Farrier



Michael Ferianec



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Andrew Grassby



Jamie Gray



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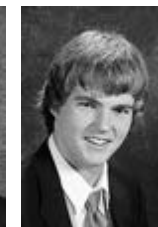
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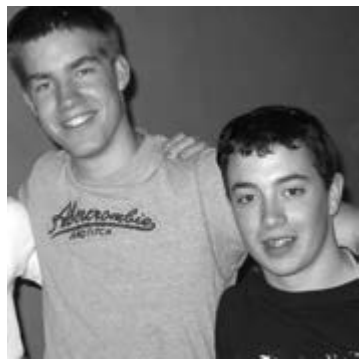
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Carter Smith



Braden Stein



Kyle Synnott



Kylie Tasker



Tara Tomimoto



Veronique Tomlinson



Emma Truscott



Sean Tyler



Nicholas Veenhoven



Jocelyn Wolfe



Audrey Wong



Michael Yue



Michael Zawalsky



Senior Outdoor Education

September 19 - 21 2007





Senior students select from a variety of Outdoor Ed trip options. Will it be backpacking, canoeing, or mountain biking? Maybe mountaineering on a glacier or scuba diving is more your speed? Perhaps you prefer rockclimbing and hiking? With so many options, it's no wonder we had such a great time!

Grade 9 Outdoor Education

February 4-6 & 11-13, 2008



Each grade nine class spent three days learning to cross-country ski in Peter Lougheed Park. Good snow, good food, and good company made both trips a huge success. Thanks everyone! ~ Mme. McKay





Grade 8 Camping Trip

June 12-13 2008





Grade 7 Sleepover



School Dances





**GO
FLAMES
GO!**



SPORTS DAY



THEME



**WESTERN
DAY**



HALLOWEEN





**CRAZY
HAIR
DAY**



**PAJAMA
DAY**



DAYS



**MOLE
DAY**



PINK DAY



S.E.A. PROGRAM



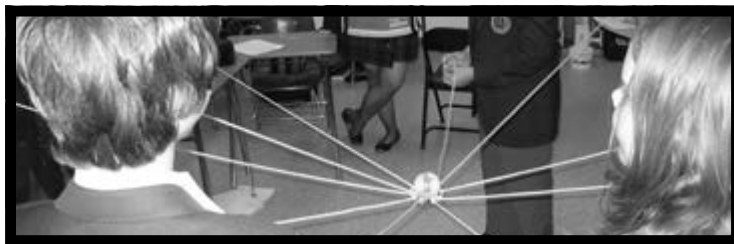


MAY 12 - 16 2008



Peer Support





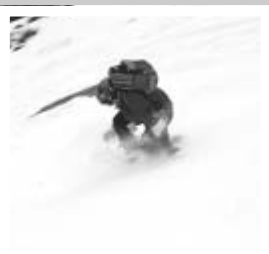
Peer Support is an interactive and dynamic group where students take the lead to initiate and participate in activities with other students. The aim of Peer Support is to promote awareness of social issues that young people face and provide young people with the opportunity to express their voice on issues that matter to them in the hopes that students and staff can work together to make the school a place that is accepting of all people.

Thanks to everyone who participated in all of Peer Supports efforts this year!!
Ms. Pam Glover



Ski Day !!!

Wednesday, February 27, 2008



Grade 7 Science Challenge

Wednesday, May 14, 2008



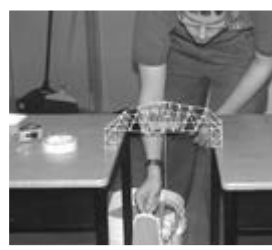
The Tremendous Toothpick Bridge Winners:

- 1st place
Angus Morrison
- 2nd place
Caroline Peplinski
- 3rd place
Manuel Collazos Qessy



The Egg Drop Winners:

- 1st place
Ella Williams
- 2nd place
Charlotte Tetley
- 3rd place
Dan Morgan



The Slow Ramp Winners:

- 1st place
Blake MacIntosh
- 2nd place
Julia Slubiki
- 3rd place
Eiro Issakidis



Grade Eight Science Fair

Wednesday, February 20 2008



Science Fules!

It was BIG!

There were 54 teams in this year's science fair, which is a new record for WIC's annual event.

WIC Winners

People's Choice Award
Scott Jeal
with Vitamin C



For the first time ever, WIC students advanced to compete in the Calgary Youth Science Fair.



WIC Winners

First Place: Brydon Coombe - Angle of Attack

Second Place: Connor Kitchen - Ball Battle

Third Place (tie):
 Kaylene Scheil: ç a flotte ou ç a coule
 Janelle Hurst: Making and Testing Batteries



Of WICs three entries Janelle Hurst and Connor Kitchen scored gold level for their projects. Well done!

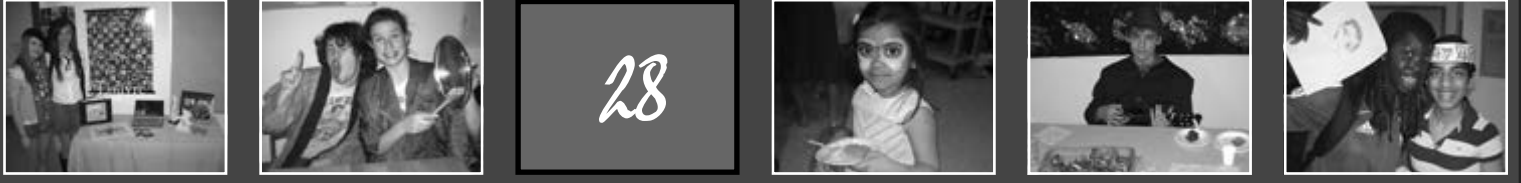


Grade Eight Science Fair

Science Rules!



SOJREE INTERNACIONALE





TRAVEL STUDIES

March 17-28 2008





Thank you to
Mr. Belisle,
Mr. Chalifoux,
Ms. Lewis,
Ms. Smith &
Mr. Teves!

"And Remember
Backpacks Break
Windows"
-Mr. Chalifoux

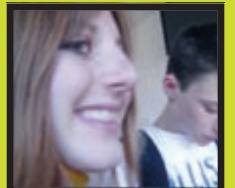


Europe

Spain

l'Espagne

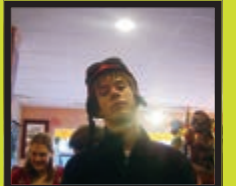
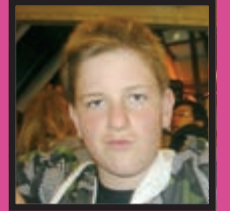
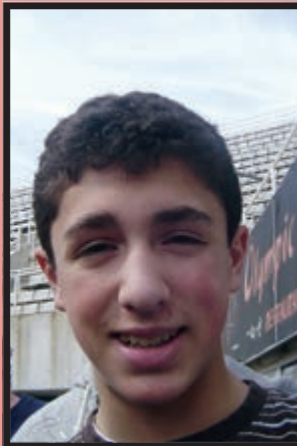
la España





2008

la France
France la Francia

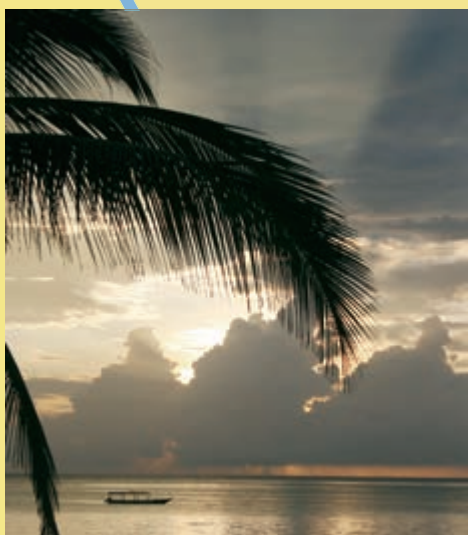


Tanzania

Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Larsen, & Ms. Simard

Team CHIEF!

Party Bus



"The Chief ALWAYS goes first!"

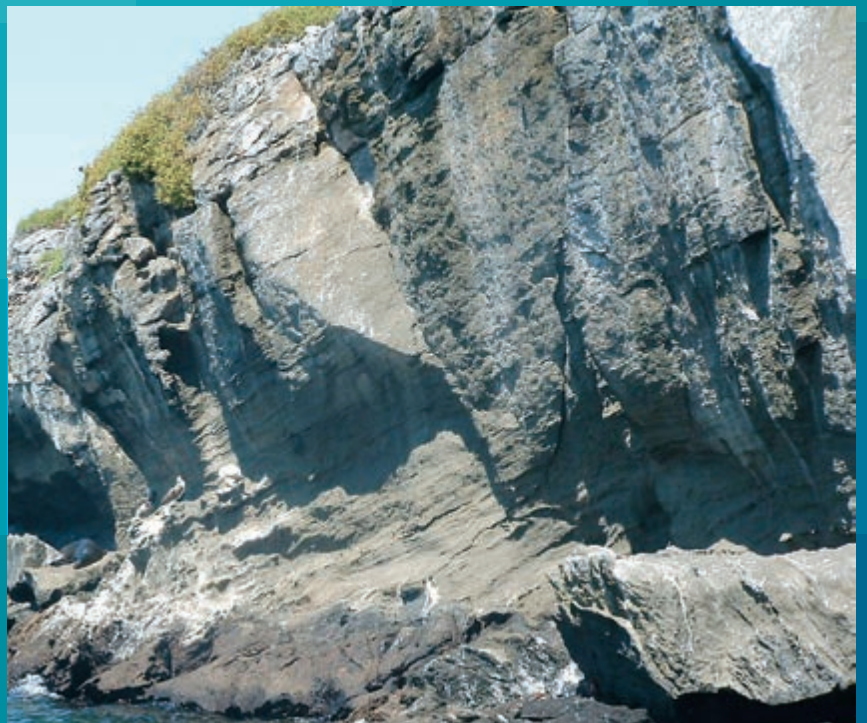


"TURN THAT STUFF OFF!!!"



Ecuador & the Galapagos Islands

Ms. Kerr, Ms. Clark, & Mr. Poitras

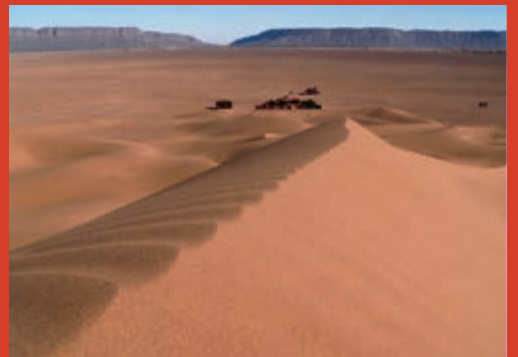




Morocco

Mrs. Dickens & Mr. Grewal





Morocco

Mr. Bennett, Ms. Lee, & Mr. Theriault

QUOTES:

- What kind of tent?
- Did we have a good day?
- Did we have a ballin' day?
- Everyone find your bag.... except Brendan.



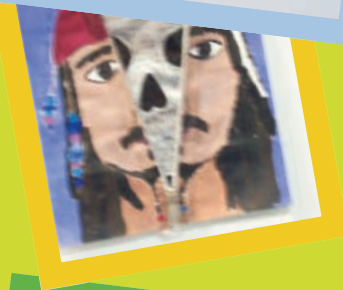


Art Show



"This showcase of student art work is indicative of Rev. Edward M. Catich's belief that: *Art is not freedom from discipline, but disciplined freedom.* Recognition and thanks goes out to all our student artists whose hard work, risk taking, and dedication to Art inspired this show. Thanks to our team of student curators who have volunteered their time and expertise in putting the show together. Humble thanks also goes to West Island College for their contribution to this event. Thank you to the friends and families of West Island College for your encouragement and support of these young artists."

- K. Lewis, Art Teacher



April 16 -18 2008

JOSEPH AND
THE AMAZING
TECHNICOLOUR
DREAMCOAT



THIS YEAR'S PRODUCTION WAS AN AMAZING SUCCESS AND WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE STUDENTS, FACULTY AND PARENTS. THANK YOU WIC!!

APRIL 16 - 18 2008



Music and Band



"I wish the best for the music program at WIC and I hope it becomes an integral part of the WIC experience. I have learned much from my students and colleagues."
Adam R Kuzik

"I approached this position with hopes of building a band that would set a standard. I am proud of the work we accomplished and the foundations that were laid."
Adam R Kuzik



Alberta Foundation for the Arts Music Mentors:

- Sean Clarke - Flute Instructor
- Aura Pon - Oboe Instructor
- Christaan Venter - Clarinet Instructor
- Mark Michalak - Saxophone Instructor
- Rod T. Sqaunce - Percussion Instruction

Foothills Brass Quintet:

- Chris Morrison - Trumpet Instructor
- Jay Michalak - Trumpet Instructor
- Rosalee Morrison - French Horn Instructor
- Benjamin Perrier - Trombone and Low Bass Instructor
- Keith Hartshorn-Walton - Tuba and Low Bass Instructor



Roots and Shoots



Members: Reid Alston, Ross Rabinovič, Faisal Hirji, Sarañ Burton, Yanchen Lama, Mollie Cñapin, Kate Fenwick, Caroline Peplinski, Afton Reid, Alee Woods, Dustin Nedoñin, Kristina Burt, Micháel Medvedovski, Fiona Ransay, Georgina Cooper, Jamie Gray, Patrick Jan, Òlivia Joñanson, Kirby Lidster, Evan MacDonald, Tilly MacRae, Nadeem Nathoo, Katie Schroeder, Jocelyn Wolfe, Matt Bell, Alana Brumwell, Mr. Smith

Global Awareness



Standing: Ms. Lee, Aly Hirji, Micháel Zawalský, Dan Kelly, Andrew Cornhill, Courtney Black, Christina Schweitzer, Sarañ Burton, Faisal Hirji
Kneeling: Jamie Gray, Bonnie Macartñur, Emma Truscot, Jocelyn Wolfe;
Missing: David Telfer, Aleem Dñanani, Navid Nathoo

Speech and Debate



Left to Right: Aly Hirji, Al-Fa'iq La'hoob, Florence Park, Rameez Virji, Ali Virji, Michael Christie, Alexis Chang-Powless, Mathieu Girard, Sheleza Manji, Michael Zawalsky, **Missing:** Kurtis Allen, John MacKinnon, Nadeen Nat'hoob, Hayden Provias, Dustin Nedolhin, Colton Ollenberger, Chloe Nielson, Jacob Stucken, Elizabeth Winans, Ms. Tonet

Guitar Club



Back Row: Mr. Rennie, Nat Paxton, Jon Brumwell, Ted Mulyk, Yves Theriault **Middle Row:** Mike Blood
Front Row: Karston Smith Kerry Macguire (President) Chris Moore. **Absent:** Reid Alston, Evan Boyce, Jessica Chu, Alain Clark, Yamg-chen Lama, Alex McNulty, Danny Paulson, Nonda Petropoulos, Carter Smith, Michael Yue, Brenden Vincelli

Newspaper - WIC Voice



Members: Zoë Petropoulos (sr. editor), John MacKinnon (jr. editor), Oreoluwa Olaniyan, Alexis Chang-Powless, Colton Ollenberger, Alexandra Starker, Ms. Webb-Briscoe

Radio WIC



Members: Aidan Cornhill, Brayden Stein, Brendan Nickels, Erin Baird, Jessica Chu, Kristen Pow, Olivia Johnston, Peter Howoryn, Ross Rabinovich, Veronique Tomlinson



Inventors' Club



Members: Paul Mintchev, Andrew Martin, Aleem Dhanani, Brent Coombe, Aaron Au-Yeung, Mark Illing, Mr. Bosica

Reach For The Top



REW ALANA CHRISTINA SEAN

Intermediate Team: Aidan Cornhill, Erika Thompson, Erin Baird, Elizabeth Winans, Jacob Orr, Mitchell Orr, Maredith Plant, Jackie Lebenzon, Sarah Pradhan, Jennifer Brown, Nigel Bocking, Rameez Virji, Donny MacLeod, Sunpreet Shergill, James Friesen, Khaleel Haji, Michael McCaig, Zack Neilson, **Coach:** Mrs. Dickens-Allen

Senior Team (Provincial Champions): Matthew Bell, Courtney Black, Alana Brumwell, Sarah Burton, Andrew Cornhill (*Co-Captain*), Vincent Curran, Katie Donaldson, Marco Ferrier, Chris Gnersinic, Andrew Grassby, Peter Howorun-Maleschuk, Krzysztof Iwanicki, Dan Kelly, Joan Kelly, Bonnie McArthur, Evan MacDonland, Christina Schweitzer, Carter Smith, Sean Spence (*Co-Captain*), Kylie Tasker, David Telfer, Nick Veenhoven, Jocelyn Wolfe, Mike Zawalsky **Coach:** Mrs. Dickens-Allen

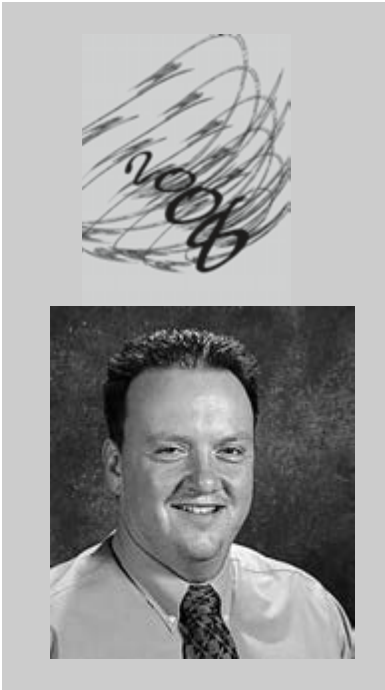
Service Club

Service Club is an essential club to West Island College. Students have the chance to volunteer for various ambassador roles at different events that happen throughout the school year. For example, our annual Open House and Entrance Testing days are when our student ambassadors are most needed.

Students who volunteer for Service Club are also given the opportunity to pick choose what events for which they wish to volunteer, thereby giving them the flexibility to give back to the College and also to ensure that they can earn credit to the Headmasters List. It is with this volunteering that West Island College is able to host the special events that have become so much a part of our Colleges culture.

On a final note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those students who volunteered their time this year. Because of you, events like Open House, Entrance Testing and Jane Goodall were a stellar success and you were able to showcase our school in a positive and enthusiastic way. Good job everyone and I look forward to working with you next year.

Mr. Murray Marran
Service Club and Ambassadors Club Sponsor

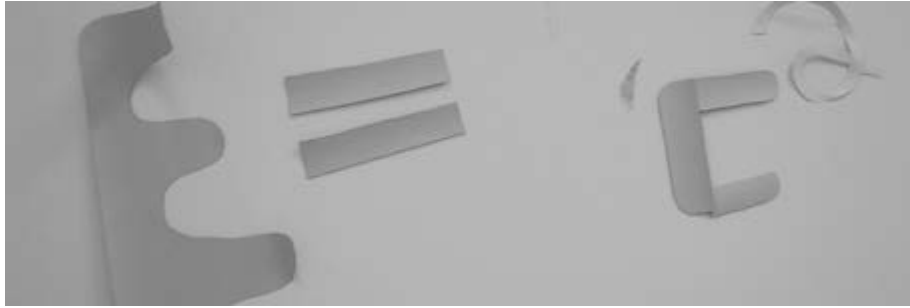
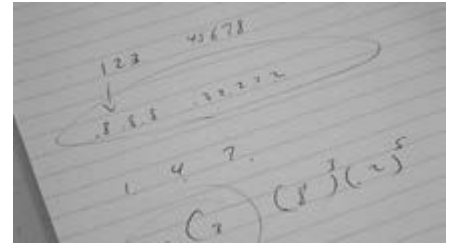
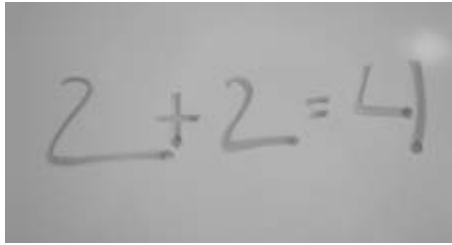


Model UN



Members: Sarah Burton, Andrew Cornhill, Julia Martin, Nausheen Sadiq, Razvan Catrinescu Sarah Eastham, Jocelyn Wolfe, Andrew Christie, Katie Donaldson, Sean Tyler, Katie Schuller, Matt Bell, Kyel Lee, Reid Alston, David Nathoo

Math Club



Members: Marco Farrier, Nadeem Nathoo, Al Fahad La'khou, Ali Hirji, Evan MacDonald, Mrs. Hollinshead

Investor's Club



Left to Right: Melissa DiManno, Hayden Provias, Tony Lee, Shaanvi Sadiura Missing: Mr. Belisle



Ping Pong Club



Club Members (for 2 or more terms): Aaron Au-Yeung, Kent Blair, Andre Gomez, Mr. Schell

Skateboarding



Left to Right: Conor Charlton, Scott Timmons, Drew Wolfe, Jack Autry, Jack O'Hara Missing: Mark Hanson

Curator Club



Left to Right: Miss Lewis, Aimee Gegolic, Kurtis Allen, Cole Truscott, Michael Dodge, Joanne James, Victoria Murphy and Jackie Lebenzon

Japanese Culture Club



Left to Right: David Babcock, Geoff Forget, Mark Hanson, Edmund Chiñ, Alain Clark, Ben Kline and Jarret Schrader-Balson. Missing: Ms. Wilshire and Mr. Boscia

Climbing Club



Members: *Christina Anda, Victoria Anderson, Veronica Arnett, Robert Baird, Erin Baird, Hayley Brillon, Kate Brouch, Brooke Campbell, Jordan Clark, Alex Coffield, Brydon Coombe, Mike Dodge, Emily Donaldson, Catherine Eldus, James Friesen, Aimee Gegolick, Francois Giguere, Lucas Hooper, Scott Jeal, Chris Ketcheson, Michael McClean, Connor Meeke, Alyssa Meyer, Gavin Mundry, Brendan Nickles, Jacob Ortt, Ivnoor Shergill, Sunpreet Shergill, Jacqui Sparks, Erika Thompson, Elizabeth Winans, Mr. Poitras, Ms. Rousom-Lee*

Multimedia Club



Members: *Geoff Forget, David Babcock, Mark Hanson, Andrew Martin, Edmond Chih, Jarret Schrader-Balson, Ben Kline, and Mr. Bosica*

International Students

The International Scholarship Programme began when Mr. Ken McCaffery introduced Note Swan to the College in 2004.

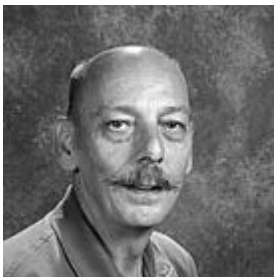
This year WIC was pleased to host two students from Nepal, Nyima Dorje Sherpa and Yangchen Drolkar Lama.

Their principal from Nepal addressed the student body in the fall, speaking with pride of these students and their country.

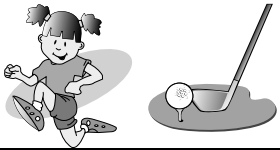
WIC is grateful to have Nyima and Yangchen in our midst as we strive, in tandem with our Travel Studies Programme, to become more culturally diverse and internationally aware.



Helping Hands



Our Thanks to: (from top left moving clockwise): Elvira and Derek, Irene and Andre, Bruce, Nooreen, Norma, Ed, and Jamie. Our thanks, as well, to Chef Darrell and Groundskeeper Andy!



Cross Country & Golf

Alana McIntyre, Alana Brumwell, Andrew Christie, Carter Smith, Ethan Moham, Jeff Davidson, Jennifer MacKinnon, Megan Proud, Mila Mezei, Nick Savoy, Ross Rabinovitch, Sean Tyler, Tara Tomimoto, Tim McGowan Mr. Chalifoux



September 17, 2007

The I.S.A.A. Zone qualifier was once again held at Wintergreen on Sept. 17th. Conditions were cold and wet but the sun did make an appearance towards the end of the day. Both of our teams represented our school well. Our boys team finished fourth but look promising as we have a very young team and should take this experience into next years event. Our girls team took top honours retaining their I.S.A.A. Champions status from last year. Special mention must go out to Ethan Mohan who shot a 79 and Jennifer MacKinnon who lead the way for the girls with a score of 77. This victory for the girls team meant that they were off to the Provincials.

September 24-25, 2007

The Alberta Schools Athletic Association Provincial Golf Tournament was held in Lethbridge on September 25 & 26. Our girls team competed on two different courses over the two days dueling against the top golfers in the province.

Paradise Canyon and Lethbridge Country Club were superb venues for this event.

Our girls team ended up being comprised of only three players as the other team members had prior commitments and were not able to attend. This was somewhat of a disadvantage as the format of this tournament is to use the scores of your best players per hole. The more players on your team, the better your odds are of having a good score on every hole. This did not discourage our team however as they went on to play their hearts out and in the end WON the tournament by one stroke. Talk about cutting it close.

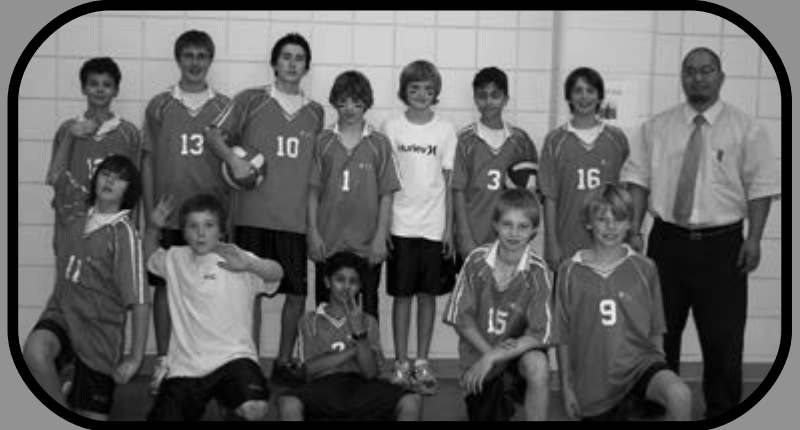
Congratulations to all on a successful and fun filled season!



Junior Boys' Volleyball



Coach: Mr Lim
Players: Manuel Quessy Collazos, Michael Christie, Lucas Hooper, Scott Timmons, Norman McNiven, Boris Mihajlovic, Hayden Provias
Front Row: Michael Bica, Conner MacRae, Zishan Kassam, Matthew Mitchell, Connor McCann



Coach: Mr. Theriault
Players: Jackson Gibson, True Wilson, Kenny Dosanjh, Reese Lewis, Connor Kitchen, John MacKinnon, Ben Morgan,
Front Row: Danny Paulson, Devon MacKey, Dustin Nedohin, Brandon McCann, Sam Rendulich, Coleman Truscott



Coach: Mr. Gibson
Players: Timothy Miller, Daniel Tyler, Chris Spence, Nick Gibson, Taylor Arnett
Front Row: Elishama Ewa, Robby Howarth, Brett Hunt, Brandon Palin, Stephen Vincelli



Junior Girls' Volleyball



Coaches: (Left) Ms. Nicolet (Right) Ms. Bernier

Players: Jacqueline Nedohin, Melissa Dimanno, Kate Fenwick, Ella Williams, Natalie Douglas

Front Row: Caroline Peplinski, Alex Coffield, Jacqueline Sparks, Scott Palmer, Afton Reid, Angelyn Crookes.



Coach: Ms. Minich

Players: Victoria Anderson, Kathleer McLean, Cassie Suche, Megan Howarth, Alex Hawley

Front Row: Sarah Halpenny, Ally McNiven, Mikaela Bocking, Ashley Tang, Janelle Hurst, Gbemisola Olutogun.



Coach: Mr Chalifoux

Players: Savaya Shinkaruk, Stephanie Wong, Courtney Chalifoux, Hannah Chernos, Jane Vandale, Sarah Pradhan, Kristen Pow,

Front Row: Carolyn O'Dwyer, Jillian Tomimoto, Natalie Fero, Gaby MacDonald



"Sooner or later, those who win are those who think they can"- Laura Twitchell

Senior Boys' Volleyball



Back row: Josh Kazakoff, Jeff Davidson, Taylor Kline, Graham Blyth, Ethan Mohan, Evan Boyce, Jake Martin, Everett Knight, Mr. Larson
Front Row: Dylan Ford, Matt Bell, Matt Gibson, Tak Sembo
Missing: Rob Ironside



Senior Girls' Volleyball



Top row: Ms. Foster, Beth O'Dwyer, Kate Briscoe, Val Maslova, Claire Roskey, Jennifer Crossley,
Middle row: Lee Ferrier, Jocelyn Wolfe
Bottom row: Tara Tomimoto, Holly Giannaccaro, Megan Proud, Sarah Hall
Missing: Amy Mendis

JUNIOR BOYS' BASKETBALL



THE 7's

Back row : Max Werklund, Hayden Provias, Zishan Kassam, Shaan Sadiura, Jacob Stucken, Danny Paulson
Front row: Neil Gill, Connor Mac Rae, Boris Mihajlovic, Matt Mitchell
 Absent that day: Jack OHara, Michael Bica, Eric Smith, Raymond Verbeke
Coach: Mr. Schell



THE 7-8's

Back row: John MacKinnon, Lucas Hooper, Micheal Christie, Brian Evasiuk
Middle row: Ms Foster, David Coren, Jackson Gibson, Brandon McCann, Douglas MacArthur
Front row: Brandon Palin, Thomas Hewlett, True Wilson
Missing : Jordan Morabito
Coach: Ms. Foster



THE 8-9's

Top: Kenny Dosanjh, Troy Taylor, Nick Gibson, Daniel Tyler, Chris Spence, Taylor Arnet, James Cameron
Bottom: Steven Amundrud, Robert Howarth, Connor Kitchen, Padan Macrae, Elishama Ewa
Coach: Mr. Smith

JUNIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL

THE 7's



Front Row: Kate Fenwick, Amelia Vernon, Afton Reid

Middle Row: Julia Slubicki, Meagan Norris, Jacqui Sparks

Back Row: Jordan Clark, Angie Crooks, Palmer Scott

Missing: Nina Anderson, Kate Brough, Natalie Douglas, Cathy Eidus

Coach: Ms. Ker



THE 7-8's

Top: Megan Howarth, Mila Mezei, Victoria Anderson, Florance Park, Lulu Karnel

Middle: Alex Coffield, Mikaela Bocking, Invoor Shergill, Kathleen McLean

Bottom: Quinn Kerr, Ella Williams

Coach: Ms. McKay



THE 8-9's



Top: Courtney Chalifoux, Gbemisola Olutogun, Katarzyna Pietrzak, Erin Baird, Sarah Pradhan

Bottom: Sara Chomyn, Jane Vandale, Stephanie Wong, Carolyn O'Dwyer, Jillian Tomimoto

Coach: Mr. Gibson



Senior



Senior Boys Basketball Team SAA City Champions 2007-08

We're #1! The famous words of Ted Mulyk.

There are few moments in a student athlete's life, that they get the chance to say that they are City Champions. The fine young men of the WIC Senior Boys Basketball team have that right. They are City Champions. History has shown that teams that play for each other, practice for each other and believe in one another, great things will happen. For our boys that was true all season long. A team that was not tall, that was not big, ran up against CCS in the finals. There was no team that would stand in their way, no matter how big or good the opponents were. WIC came out strong and fast against CCS. Quickly capturing a 14 pt lead and never looking back, winning the City Championship 72-62. Led by Graham, Ethan, Taylor and Jake the team finished off what was one of the biggest upsets in ISAA basketball. It's been 8 years, count that again, 8 years since the last Senior Boys Basketball Championship at WIC.

It is with great sadness and joy that, I say see you later to some of the best high school athletes I have had the privilege to be with for the past three years; Graham The gentle giant Blyth, Ethan I got your back Mohan, Mark love the hairstyle Hanson, Dan the man Ferrier and the big show Ted Mulyk.

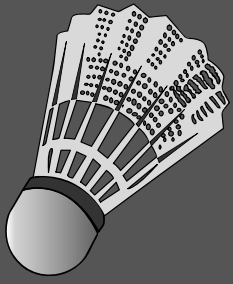
Next year, the kid line of Taylor Kline and Jake Martin will lead a mature and experienced squad into battle with point guards Nick Savoy and Patrick Chiu at the helm, while anchoring the post positions will be Matt Gibson, Alex Mezei, and Justin Morabito. We wish Rob Ironside best of luck as he heads onto Class afloat.

For all the great parents of our team thank you again for your support and dedication to our team, and for the wonderful year. We love ya!

For the team thank you for the great moments, each moment that we shared will be treasured by Mrs. Grewal and me. I am grateful and privileged to be amongst the best of the best.

Basketball





Badminton



Team Members:

Angie Crookes Jillian Tomimoto
 Brandon Palin John MacKinnon
 Brendan John Ross
 Nickles Jon Brumwell
 Brett Hunt Julia Slubicki
 Brianna Stein Katie McLean
 Cassie Suche Kristina Burt
 Cat Bootle Maya Miller
 Charlotte Megan Howarth
 Tetley Mikaela Bocking
 Chloe Nielsen Mitchell Graham
 Chris Spence Natalie Douglas
 Conor Charlton Natalie Fero
 Conor Ross Nick Gibson
 Courtney Nina Anderson
 Chalifoux Palmer Scott
 Danny Paulson Raymond-
 Doug Laurent Verbeke
 MacArthur Rehman Shivji
 Dusty Nedohin Ryan Jones
 Ella Williams Sam Rendulich
 Eric Smith Sarah Halpenny
 Erin Baird Sarah Pradhan
 Gaby Stephen Vincelli
 MacDonald Taylor Arnett
 Gbemisola Taylor Russell
 Olutogun Troy Taylor
 Hannah Zishan Kassam
 Chernos
 Jack O'Hara
 Jacob Stucken
 Jacqui Sparks
 Jarrod Parker

Thank you for the great badminton season!



Once again the Badminton season was a success. This year the WIC Junior Badminton Team played in the League Tournament on April 15, 16 and 17, where they captured first place overall, bringing the ISAA JUNIOR BADMINTON BANNER to WIC for a third year in a row. Congratulations to the following players who all advanced to the Zone Tournament: Danny Paulson (2nd place), Brett Hunt (3rd place), Natalie Douglas (1st place), Ella Williams (1st place), Palmer Scott (2nd place), Katie McLean (2nd place), Natalie Fero (1st place), Jillian Tomimoto (1st place), Angie Crookes, Gbemisola Olutogun, Ryan Jones, Brandon Palin! ~ **Coach:** Yves Thériault





Rugby



Coaches
Mr. Liandzi
Mr. Evan Poll

Seniors
Reid Alston
Sean Beddoe
Matt Bell
Graham Blyth
Andrew Christie
Nik Clark
Jeff Davidson
Andrew Grassby
Mike Howarth
Mark Illing
Krzysztof Iwanicki
Josh Kazakoff
Evan Macdonald
Andrew Martin
Murdoch Matheson
Ryan McArthur
Elliot McNiven
Alex McNulty
Chris Moore
Pat Paxton
Sean Tyler



Juniors
Robbie Anderson
Mike Blood
Nigel Bocking
Stuart Boswell
Andrew Chalmers
Michael Chernos
Taylor Clark
Jay Dhillon
Douglas Doyle-Baker
Aaron Feicht
Nick Gibson
Mathieu Giraud
Ropbby Howarth
Padan MacRae
Justin McArthur
Mike McGregor
Sam Paxton
Christopher True
Daniel Tyler



The 7-8's



Top: Janelle Hurst, Zishan Kassam, Gavin Mundry, Michael Christie **Middle:** Alex Coffield, Katie McLean, Hayden Provias, Coleman Truscott, Jacob Stucken, **Bottom:** Liam McBean, Anna Lang
Coach: Mrs. Knight

Junior Soccer

The 8-9's



Top: True Wilson, David Coren, Nick Gibson, Robbie Howarth, Ben Morgan, Tyler Shackman, Justin Kim, Taylor Russell, Brett Hunt **Middle:** Maya Miller, Cassie Suche, Camille Charbonneau, Jane Vandale, Reese Lewis **Bottom:** Donny Maclead **Missing:** Quinn Kerr **Coach:** Mr. Teves



Team Members: Robert Ironside, Keaton McLean, Alex Mezei, Patrick Chiu, Jennifer Crossley, Holly Giannoccaro, Kyel Lee, Tyler Leonard, Tilly MacRae, Liam Norris, Nyima Sherpa, Tara Tomimoto, Aleem Dhanani, Justin Giannoccaro, Andre Gomez, Adam Johnson, Everett Knight, Michael McLean, Navid Nathoo, Annalise Young **Coach:** Megan Foster

Senior Soccer





Participants:
 Duncan Alexander, Conor McCann, Blake McIntosh, Norman McNiven, Matthew Mitchell, Reied Foose, Liam Gledhill, Conor Irvine, Connor Kitchen, Brandon McCann, Hunter Shinkaruk, Paul Spronken, Philip Mackie, David Norris, Sam Paxton, Michael Chernos, Benjamin Gallacher, Macauley Gledhill, Jameson Grassby, Ryan Okamura, Tyson Riddell, Jamie Gray, Liam Norris, Tara Tomimoto



Hockey Option



Coach: Nick Veenhoven; Captains: Beth O'Dwyer, Nausheen Sadiq, Katie Donaldson; The Awesome Players: Stephanie Cotton, Julianne Daze, Sarah Eastham, Megan Garner, Holly Giannoccaro, Olivia Johnson, Joan Kelly, Victoria Murphy, Christina Schweitzer, Kate Briscoe, Alexe Harnois, Yangchen Lama, Fiona Ramsay, Lizzie Winans, Alisha Brown, Kristina Burt, Courtney Chalifoux, Hannah Chernos, Sarah Chomyn, Elizabeth Kuzyk, Danielle Milner, Laura Mueller, Becca Narfason, Sarah Pradhan, Carson Robertson, Sasha Selby, Savaya Shinkaruk, Victoria Wonnacott; Field Hockey Goddesses: Pip Webb-Briscoe, Lana Wiltshire



Field Hockey





Valedictorian

SEAN SPENCE



I remember quite clearly my first day at West Island College, as I am sure do my fellow classmates, the graduating class of 2008. It was an idyllic day in late August. The sky was blue, the sun was glorious - and my grey flannels chafed while my blazer slouched on my skinny shoulders and my school tie threatened to choke me. To be perfectly honest, there was no way that I acknowledged the tremendous opportunity being presented to me as I stood in the Great Hall. Today, however, I believe we should pay tribute to the wealth of opportunities that our families, our teachers, and our friends have made available to us during our years at WC. May I remind you, nonetheless, that an opportunity is merely a situation or condition favorable to the attainment of a goal. There remains the need to seize the opportunity and then bring it to fruition. Those of us graduating today have been extremely fortunate in that we have been presented with both components of the equation for success - opportunity and the guidance to enable us to realize this opportunity and translate it into achievement. This evening, we are here to celebrate the accomplishments born of the myriad of opportunities presented to us at WC and brought to fruition by hard work, perseverance and imagination.

The academic opportunities at WC are self-evident. As individuals, we have each seized them in very different ways. These opportunities, whether we embraced them, shunned them or mutated them, have shaped who we are today and laid the foundations for who we will be in 15 or 20 years, when we attend our own children's graduations.

Clearly, opportunity presented itself in different ways to different individuals. Travel studies enabled us to experience the culture of far flung places such as Tibet and China, Vietnam and Cambodia, and the Galapagos, among others. The privileged life we shared as students at WC was highlighted by the poverty and political turmoil we saw. We were able to contribute positively places we visited - whether it is by helping build an orphanage in Tibet, or teaching English to Cambodian schoolchildren. Some students embraced the humanitarian opportunities and built upon them such as the group who spent a month in Mozambique last summer, building transitional housing for street kids. The volunteering we all did as a part of CALM opened our eyes to more immediate problems in our own society and ROOTS and SHOOTS enabled some among us to continue our efforts at aiding the environment.

Other students availed themselves of the rich arts program and developed portfolios which opened the door to institutions such as the Emily Carr School of Art. Drama helped many discover talents they didn't know they had - be it acting, directing, or set design.

Field trips, such as the biology AP trip, opened our eyes to the practical application of the sometimes tedious and seemingly esoteric lectures we sat through.

Those athletes among us were faced with opportunities to hone their physical skills and test their limits. The out of town trips were opportunities for different things - and above all for having fun.

There were always a plethora of opportunities to develop political prowess - sanctioned, such as student council and model UN, and unsanctioned, such as learning how to maneuver teachers to change exam dates so as to avoid ruining a potentially great long weekend with studying.

En plus, nous avons eu l'opportunité d'étudier en Français et d'obtenir un certificat bilingue. Cela nous a préparé pour la réalité d'un pays où nous sommes fiers de dire « JE SUIS CANADIEN - I AM CANADIAN ». Il n'y a pas de doute que le fait qu'on est bilingue nous ouvre plusieurs portes.

The list of opportunities goes on and on. However, I believe it is important to reflect on some of the less tangible ones.

The opportunity to make mistakes - there were lots of those! And the opportunity to learn from those mistakes.

The opportunity to embrace success and the opportunity to face failure.

The opportunity to develop confidence and self assurance - and, sure enough, the opportunity to be humbled.

The opportunity to build friendships and the opportunity to learn to interact with all types of people

The opportunity to learn to accept disappointment and use it to focus your ambition

And, an opportunity particularly applicable to myself, to learn that it is best if one limits the number of questions asked in class

Now, as we prepare for the next phase of our lives, we are in a position to appreciate the tremendous opportunities set before us in our high school years. More importantly we must now recognize that we are capable of using the knowledge, the skills and the emotional fortitude we have developed to create our own opportunities. It remains for us, the graduating class of West Island College 2008, to seize the day, to turn our opportunities into mechanisms by which we can attain our individual goals and capture our personal dreams.

A la prochaine, mes amis !



Class Historians

JEFF DAVIDSON & ANNALISE YOUNG



It is our honor to be the ones representing our last 6 years spent here at West Island College. As Annalise and I sat down to write this speech we tried to come up with ways the grad class of 2008 would be remembered. So many things popped into our heads, the list was endless, missing due dates, lates, parking tickets, sloppy uniforms, but Annalise and I decided to blame these all on *miscommunications*. All in all our time spent here has had an enormous impact on who we are today. For those of us who have had the privilege of being here since grade 7, we have made it through being tossed into a new environment, suffering the horrendous years of pre-teens, yet somehow we made it out alive.

As we donned the holy black blazers, and were joined by our new classmates we realized the rocky road of what is senior high. We struggled to keep our minds on diplomas, the all too often summative, and preparing for our future. Unfortunately our minds occasionally drifted to thinking about the weekend, where to go for lunch, and most importantly which female would be accompanying me. In grade 9 we had the privilege of experiencing first-hand the schools travel study program. We traveled to London and Paris and it was here that we all got to witness the remarkable talents of Hugh Koliias. After jokingly betting him to slurp down his cup of hollandaise sauce he did just that. And later that day he got a little too familiar with the bus facilities. Though he gained a little extra pocket money. Im not sure he thought it was worth it, as the next day his wallet and his prize money was stolen in Paris. This year we had the chance to visit Morocco, Tanzania, Galapagos and Ecuador. All of these trips were amazing and really opened our eyes. They showed us a life outside of our school walls.

Our graduating class had the pleasure of initiating two new science teachers in our grade 11 year. Ill always remember Ms. Clarke's first day teaching us Biology 30. She had a great intro planned to introduce us to the bodys nervous system. She showed us the torture scene from Braveheart, but didnt expect to have to deal with an unconscious girl laying on her classroom floor. Ms. Clarke, we know you were only trying to get us as excited as you are about sciences but maybe next time we could do without the Mel Gibson intro.

Ms Kerr, dont worry were not letting you off the hook that easy. Now see, in grade 11 we sat through our harshest schedule at West Island College. And with Ms. Kerrs strict no-food, no-cellphone policy in the chemistry lab, the classes seemed twice as long! Dont get me wrong its not that we werent all fascinated by the properties of ideal gases, but sometimes all we wanted was a break.

Break! Break! EH! Theres no breaks with us. But Jeff, in sports you never seem to want a breather?

Well thats because in sports, champions dont take breaks. Thats exactly why this years sports teams were so successful. In

volleyball, Mr. Larsen pushed us hard until we secured a place at provincials. We headed into it with 17 wins and 1 loss in our tournaments played around Southern Alberta.

We had to fulfill Ethan Mohans prophecy of taking home the banner our final year; it was one of the most exhilarating games our team has ever played. But the basketball team wasnt the only one with game this year, congratulations to our Reach For the Top Team who won provincials and placed 5th in nationals. Most of us are driving by now, and hate parking far away, especially in the long Calgary winters...that end in May.

A handful of us found a way around this to say the least: parking was an issue for our graduating class. For some reason, in our minds, when we became head of sr. school, we thought that we were the most qualified for the teachers parking lot.

Unfortunately we were wrong. They set us straight by making countless announcements on the intercom and Mr. McCarthy would warn us about how the tow-trucks were on their way.

But Ben and Vince still thought that their cars would blend in with the others but they never did. Rain had the potential to be another issue, especially when youre driving a 1962 yellow Acadian convertible and leave the top down during a thunderstorm. We all saw how fast Murdoch could run.

Our grade has been through a lot together. Whether it was sailing through thunderstorms with Mr Larsen bearing Reid Alstons jokes at assemblies, not to mention Grahams backside from countless pairs of split pants, conquering that last orange button on guitar hero, and finally getting that blue ball through the pipe above our lockers.

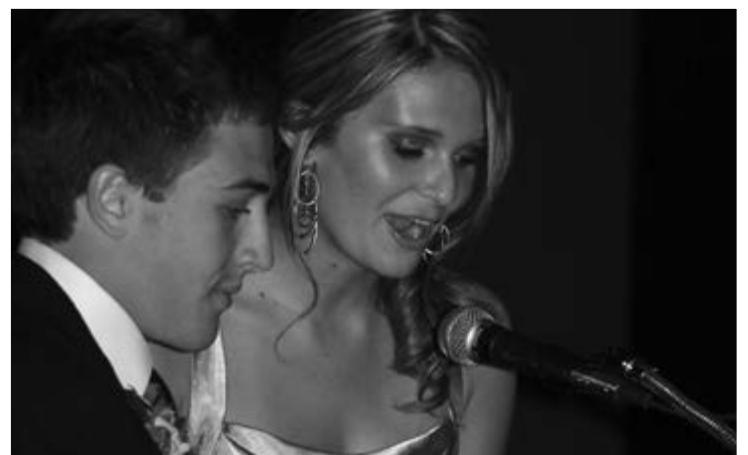
Though there has always been separate groups of friends in our grade, we feel that it was in our grade 12 year that we really started to come together. We have all had our laughs together and this had made it a great last year.

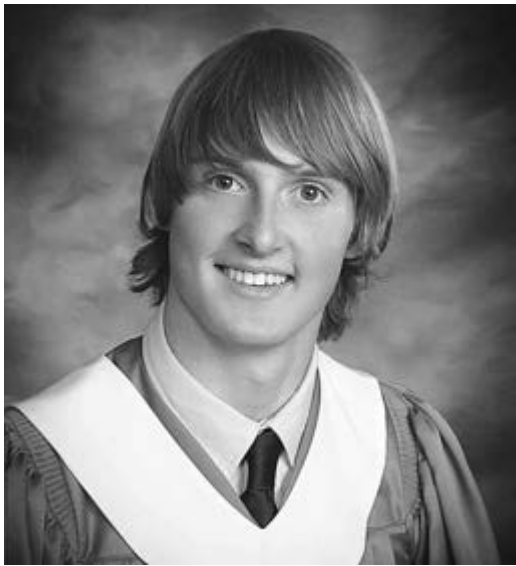
Let me put it in a way youll appreciate. You see, every group was like a piece of string. In our grade 12 year we have all come together as if we were braided into one solid rope. No matter how hard you try to pull us apart. We will not fray. We are the class of 2008,

But in all seriousness; our memories made here at WIC will last us a lifetime.

Were all off to different lives apart from one another next year, but the friendships we have made will never be forgotten

Its been a long journey since grade 7, but this chapter in our lives has approached its end. We never thought this day would come when we would have to say goodbye. But lets make it another incredible memory. Congratulations class of 2008, we finally did it. Heres to us





Reid Alston

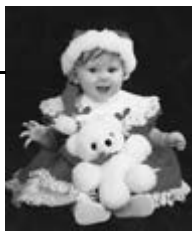
Okay, I've got a joke. What do you call a piece of string learning to be a candle? A WIC Student. But seriously, thank you to everyone for squeezing out those dry laughs at assembly. Your appreciation of humor was just fantastic.¹ Thanks to all my teachers for the lessons on life, polypeptides, derivatives, Hitler, ne pléonaste², and partial pressure of water. Special thanks to Ms. Kerr for looking the other way concerning certain experiments³. Shout out to Mr. Marran and the 2007-2008 FLA 30 class and Brendan V. for being such a good sport. To my Grade 7 Buddies: shoot for the top because the next five years are going to be among the best and the most important of your lives. I'm glad I could be a part of the WIC community. Unbeknownst to many, West Island College has made more of a positive impact on the world through fundraising, model faculty, and students than any other school of equal size. (In my opinion any school of any size.)⁴ Keep on chugging along, WIC; it's been great.

1. sarcasm; 2. jamais pour le reste de ma vie; 3. of course I meant titrations; 4. and I am right.

Jennifer Anda

Wow, I can't believe that my six years at WIC are over! So much has happened in the past six years and it would be impossible to try to explain it in such few words. To my friends, thanks to all of you for always being there for me! The memories that we have had in these years I will never forget.

Things like, "Hey it's Bob", and "Where is Natalie?" Oh Natalie! I don't know how I would have gotten through it without you! I can't say that I am sad to see that our time at WIC is over, but I will miss all of our lunches, talks, and **trying** not to be late for class. I wish you all the best of luck with whatever you do next year!



Aaron Au-Yeung



Well, it seems my time at WIC is over already! The past six years seem to have gone by so quickly, but there is no doubt that the time has been filled with many great memories ... Hah, okay, okay, I will admit, I had no idea what to write here and I totally stole that line from some previous graduation bio, but it is true!

WIC has been an experience I will never forget and it has left me with a ton of ridiculous stories I will be able to tell people in the future. It's been a fun ride! Thanks to all the WIC staff and all my classmates for the good times!

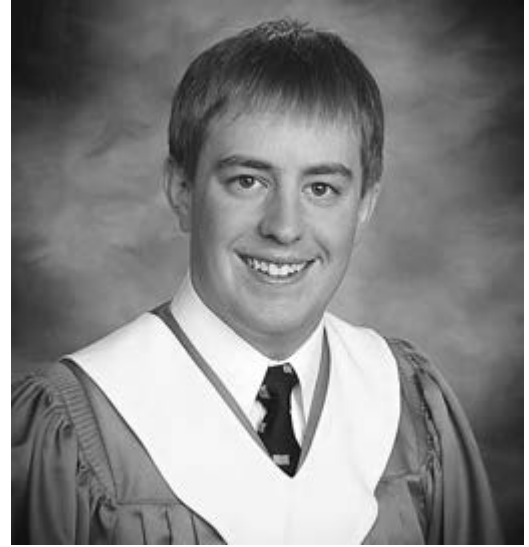


David Babcock

"When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them." - Rodney Dangerfield

Six years of going to a school and you'd think that I'd have something inspirational to say to the little kiddies that might leave a lasting impression or something that will be remembered for years to come. Perhaps a tale of valour and greatness ... or not, because nothing really comes to mind and I'm too lazy to make something up. I really only have two things to say. Go up to the French hall and feel along the dry wall because you will find the greatest thing ever: it's heated. That, and the cake is a lie. Never forget to stand up for what you say when you say it, and if no one is willing to listen, make them. With my bad advice eating your brains now, I will leave you all with this: gonna eat your brains and gain your knowledge.

I would also like to thank all the teachers that put up with all my odd and sometimes annoying habits because everyone knows that that's not an easy thing to do. Ciao, mes petit crottes.



Robert Baird



"Nice." - Rob and Justin

I will always remember Mr. Gibson in Grade 7. He made everything he had to say crystal clear to me. Making movies for Social and French in Grades 8, 9 and 10, so basically filming ourselves being fools and then showing the whole class. Ms. Kerr helping me out of my Chemistry class 'pit of despair'. Grade 9 Travel Studies was such a fun trip; I wish I could do it over again. Being filmed while jumping off the stairs and wrecking my foot. The good times and memories with all of my friends, it's been great! I will also remember the teachers who had an impact on me at W.I.C. I've enjoyed my time here and it will be difficult to leave.

I hope to complete a business degree and hopefully start my own company in the future. I also hope to do some traveling at some point because I've seen very little of the world up to this point in my life.

You can remember me by my height and my red hair.

Thank you, W.I.C., for the past six years and, once again, thanks to all my teachers and my family for helping me to be academically successful. Thanks to all my friends for being there for me and for making Junior and Senior school so enjoyable.

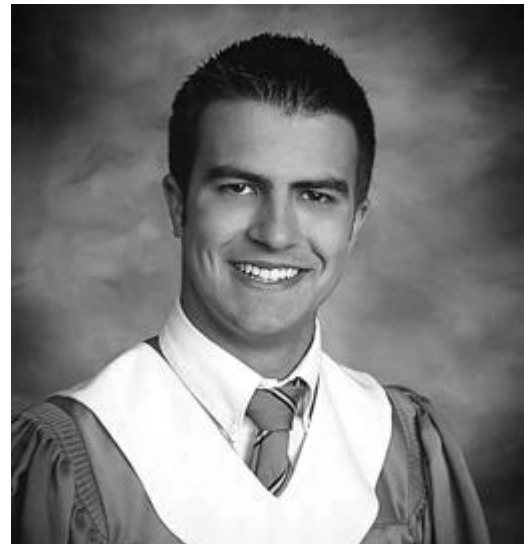
Matthew Bell

This has been a long journey. WIC is a place of friends, good times and laughs. A shout out to our weekend chemical experiments group (you know who you are), the endless volleyball team antics from Grade 10 to 12, annoying Ms. Kerr (sorry), and Mrs. Hollinshead's Math class. I will always remember Mr. Smith and his Biology demonstrations (Killer T-cell) and Ms. Clarke's attempts to be funny on the Bamfield trip (nice try, maybe next year). WIC has helped me grow and develop as a person and I am thankful for your help. Thank you to the teachers I've had, my friends, and my family; you have all helped me in some way. It is weird to think and accept that we will go our separate ways, and WIC will become another chapter in our lives, but that is life. Best of luck to everyone.



"I'm not going to change for anybody that wants me to change. I'm going to do it for myself" - Tanner Hall

See you later.



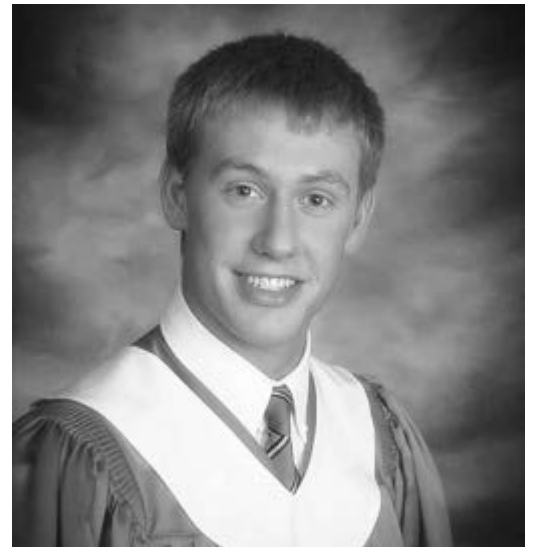


Kent Blair

"Sometimes the road less traveled is less traveled for a reason"
- Jerry Seinfeld

That is all.

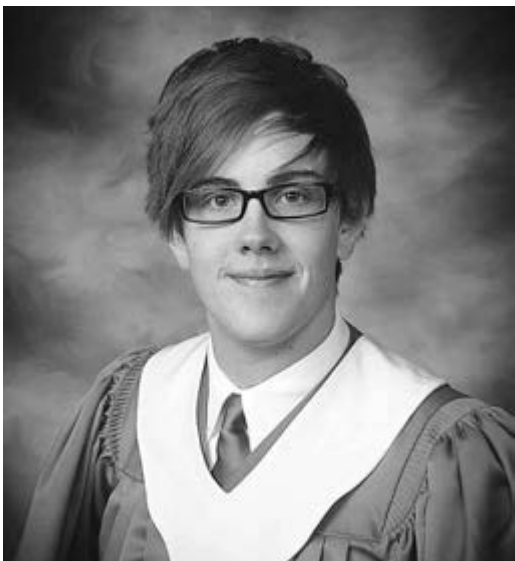
Graham Blyth



I would like to thank my teachers, parents and friends for the past few years. These have been some of the best times of my life. To my friends: thank you for helping me with the hard times, and making the good times. I will miss you.

I cannot be sure of what roads lie ahead for any of us, but I am sure that we can all look back on these last few years with fond memories: China/Tibet, Vietnam/Cambodia, Morocco, Megan, crazy nights with Annalise, Jenna, Jeff, Raz, Robyn and all you other goons out there (you know who you are), Denny's in the morning, volleyball, basketball and rugby, winning the banner. All that is left now are the memories. High school is done and over with, but now it is on to bigger and better things. Chase your dreams, live your own life, be who you have always wanted to be.

"It matters not how long we live but how."



Evan Boyce

Hello, Kitty! I'm not going to lie, it's going to be really hard to leave this school. The best times of my life have been here. To all my teachers, thank you for putting up with me. It was a long time, but I've finally made it. To Mr. Smith, good luck with Steve Smith and the Peptones. Ms. Lewis, thanks for helping me

express my creativity. To all of my friends, Grade 12 or not, I'll miss you all. Chris, we've been through a lot, but in the end, we made it out all right. Brothers. Mike, we play hard, but you party harder. To Matt and Andrew, you two have helped me so much. I don't think I could ever repay you two for all that you have done. Natalie, thanks for all the help. To Talia and Joanne, I'm so glad that we became friends. Good luck with Grade 12. Hilary, you are without a doubt the most amazing person ever. Don't let anyone ever tell you differently. To Tom and Lucas (my brothers), good luck with the rest of your time here at WIC. To Sam, separating twins has never been easy, but I made it. See you in a few months. And last, but certainly not least, to Claire, thank you for making every day the best day of my life. You are going to be the one person I will miss the most. I can't explain how much you mean to me.

Alana Brumwell

Wow, what a great three years it's been since my arrival at WIC. I've made tons of great friends and even more great memories along the way. It's sad that my time at the school has come to an end. I will never forget the people I have met (students and teachers) and the fantastic times that we have all shared together.

Thanks to the friends I've made, for being there when I need a laugh or a cry. N.P., I had the time of my life. To my teachers: Mr. Smith, Ms. Clarke and Ms. Kerr, thanks for making my sciences easier and more enjoyable to learn. Ms. Dickens, you've been more than a teacher to me - a friend, as well as a great Social teacher. And, of course, Mr. Marran, I'm not sure how I would have gotten through FLA if it wasn't for your lazy days, funny stories, and interesting lessons. I had the best times on Travel Studies (Brazil 2007 and Morocco 2008), and the memories and friendships I made will never be forgotten. Thanks to all the teachers for getting me through high school, and my great friends for putting up with me. I hope you all are successful in whatever it is you end up doing. Cheers!

"Imagination is more important than knowledge" - Albert Einstein



Chloe Burgess

I would like to acknowledge and express my gratitude towards all of the teachers at WIC for their patience, empathy and dedication. It was never easy but the teachers, Mr. McCarthy in particular, made my six years at WIC possible. Thank you also

to my best friends, Mike Howarth and Zoë Cuthbertson, and to my parents and siblings. WIC was an adventure and a journey that I will never forget.

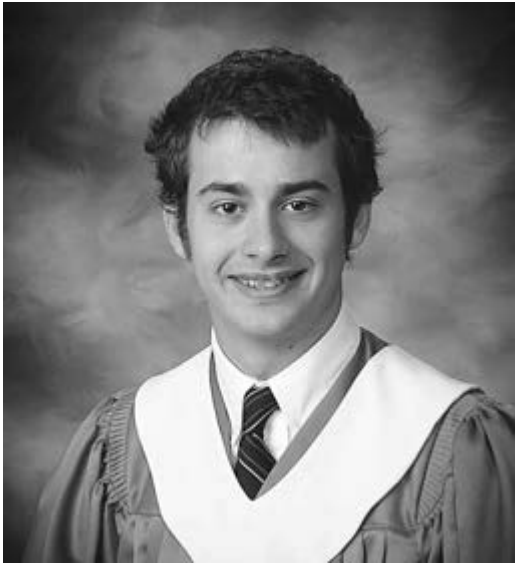
Robyn Burns

I honestly can't believe that it's been six years since I started at WIC. High school was a lot of fun; it'll be hard to top it at university. I can't even begin to describe all of the memories I've made at this school. Thanks especially to my family and all the teachers who helped me along the way. Thanks also to my

amazing friends; you have all been incredible over the years and I can't imagine next year without you. I won't waste space with details, you know who you are and everything we've been through together. I guess it's just time to move on to bigger and better things. I love you all; good luck next year and keep in touch.

"Either you decide to stay in the shallow end of the pool or you go out into the ocean." - Christopher Reeve





Razvan Catrinescu

Thanks to Mr. Bennett. Thanks to all the teachers who put up with me (and to those who didn't). Thanks to my friends for the good times; we've gone through a lot together and, hopefully, we'll go through a lot more. Thanks to everyone who was a part of this long and eventful journey through WIC. It was fun and I took away from it what I could.

"I'll never forget running through the halls with all y'all rebels" - Matisyahu

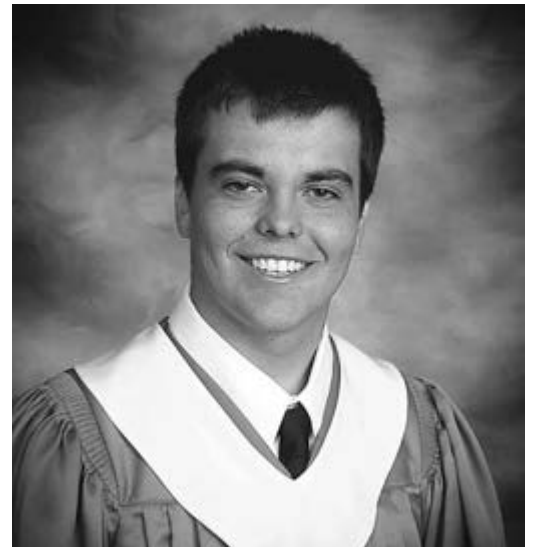
Brent Coombe

It has been six years since I started my "WIC Experience" and they have been the best years of my life. They truly have shaped who I am as person. I'd like to start out by thanking the faculty and the entire grad class of 2008. I will never forget any of you. I'd also like to thank all the Tanzania travelers, especially

Cuthbert and the Party Bus. That was the best spring break ever. If you want to know something really funny, look up my last name, Coombe, or Kuma in Swahili. I think my name made the day for many customs officials in Tanzania. On an entirely different note, I intend to ski to the same extent I always have (at least 120 days a season). What can I say? Skiing is my life. Last, but not least, I want to thank my parents. Even though we sometimes drove each other crazy you were always there to support me. My time at WIC was an unforgettable chapter of my life.

"Peace, love and all that mumbo jumbo. Asante Sana, I'm out of here to the U of C."

-Brent AKA "Crash" or "B-Vag"



Andrew Cornhill



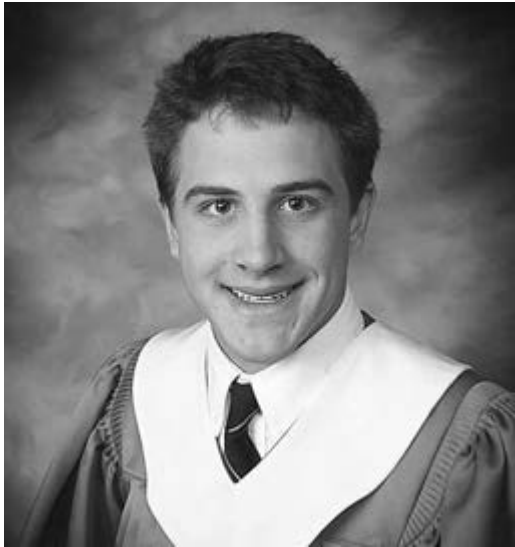
I have been planning what to write in my grad bio since Grade 8 and I swear some of my bios have been OK. However, now that it's crunch time, I strangely have nothing to say. But I guess that life is just like that. You plan for one moment, and everything is going to be just perfect, but you fall ill, it rains, or the earth is

blown up for a hyperspace bypass. Things totally out of your control come and just ruin everything. What really tests your mettle is the ability to roll with the punches, always bounce back, or use terrible boxing clichés. It's not all doom and gloom, however, because as you pick up the pieces to salvage what was to be a perfect occasion, you will be taken on a whole new path. This path will always take you someplace new and exciting. Once you reach the end of it, you will realize that you are a better and more whole person for it. Your existence has been improved by that rainstorm, that illness, or that bypass, and that just makes everything all the more worthwhile. Special thanks to the WIC faculty, my family, Evan, Claire, Ben, Mike, Courtney, My B.B., Azra(h), all Reach Provincial Members, my Chem 20 table (Hugh included) and Ms. Rousom-Lee for directing me on that whole new path. May your path be interesting, the scenery beautiful, the company warm, and the tea hot.



Zoe Cuthbertson

I've had the privilege to call WIC home since I was 12 years old and still in overalls. I've loved every minute of it. Well, maybe not every minute. I wasn't a huge fan of the beep test. For the rest of my life, I'll silently curse the person who made that part of the gym curriculum. Honestly, my school, my friends and family all played such influential roles in my life, and made me who I am. I really can't write this and not thank my family. My sisters were the ones who chose this school in the first place, and, in doing so, pretty much guaranteed my following in their foot steps. They sat through endless hours of questions from my homework, and supported me, always. Whether it was my dad, who is always encouraging me to set my bar even higher, and my mom staying up late with me while I wrote Student's Council election speeches and Awards Assembly introductions, my family was always there for me. I love you all. My friends, I'll never forget. For those that I have to leave next year, I imagine it will be much like trying to function without my arms, but we'll manage. WIC, and all it has had to offer, has been the greatest experience of my life, and I'm eternally grateful! Best of luck to everyone. Especially Joanie and Chloe, not because you need it, but because I'll miss you both so much, and I'm sure that living across the country from you will be ridiculously challenging, so you better come visit me! xoxo



Jeffrey Davidson

The times at WIC have been unbelievable and, as the end grows near, I am going to miss it. The memories I have made here go on and on: Europe, Brazil, and Morocco (all amazing), the endless hours spent after school practicing for whatever sport, going hard in gym class, hanging out with friends, partying on the weekends, provincials, senior boys basketball (thanks G), the banner, get your blanket wet, and animal out of hand. Thanks to my parents and all my friends for being there for me.

Bottom line is: it's high school - don't take things too seriously! Mess up once in a while, it will help you out in the long run. One Love.

"And The Whole World Has To Answer Right Now Just To Tell You Once Again, Who's Bad. . ." - Michael Jackson

Aleem Dhanani

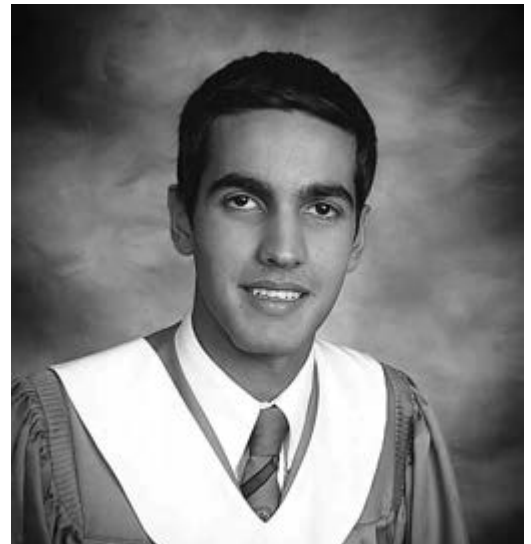
Thanks to my family and friends for their continued support throughout my life. From the Grade 7 sleepover, to the travel studies trip to the Galapagos Islands in Grade 12, my time at WIC has been memorable. The past six years have been an interesting and valuable experience, enhanced by those who have been there with me. I will always remember the people in my graduating class, as well as the unique teachers who have shared their knowledge and demonstrated unwavering faith in us.

I hope to make it big.

You can remember me by the impression I have left on you.

And remember, we must either find a way or make one.

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."





Katherine Donaldson

These past three years have gone by so fast that it's hard to believe that graduation is already here. I started off the year waiting for the chance to leave and go onto university, but all I want now is a few more months of WIC. Living in Canada has been quite the experience and I know that I will never forget the people I met and the friendships I have made. I know that when I'm in university next year I will be able to look back over the years of high school and remember all of the great times: Outdoor Ed. trips, the field hockey team, Biology A.P., History A.P., and the trips to Peru, Vietnam/Cambodia, and Tanzania are just a sample of memories I will always cherish. I want to thank my teachers for their support and continual toleration of my Texas knowledge. I want to thank all the people I became friends with because the fun times made high school even more worthwhile. And I want to thank my family because, no matter what I went through, they were always there to help me through it or congratulate me on a job well done. So, this is it! We're done with high school and were moving onto bigger and better things. Good luck, Class of 2008, we deserve it!

Laura Eadie

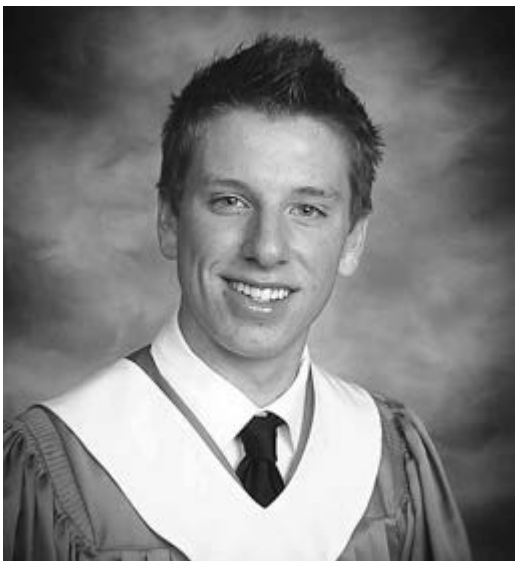
You don't realize how much you have changed in the past six years until you actually sit down and think about it. Everything and everyone at WIC has helped me become the person that I am today and no, I am not as quiet as you all think I am! I have to thank all of the teachers for putting up with me for six years.



Guess what?! You never have to deal with another Eadie again!

You guys, we're done high school. The moment that we have been waiting for since we started Grade 1 is finally here. And, well, it's been awesome and I hope we all (or some of us) stay in touch. Good luck in the future, I hope you all get where you want to go.

"Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot uneducate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore. We have seen the future, and the future is ours."



Dan Ferrier

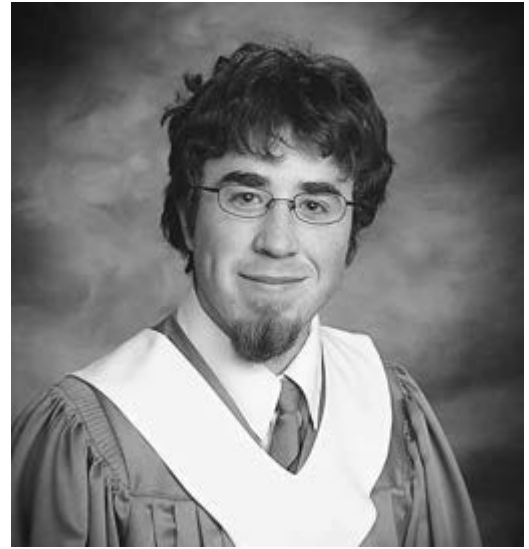
Well, what can I say? These last six years will probably be the most memorable years of my life. I just want to thank all the teachers I have had: Mr. Bennett and his not-so-funny (but actually really funny stories), Ms. Kerr and her weird teaching methods, Mr. Cantrill and his random off-topic tangents. Mr. Smith, no words can describe ya. I want to thank Coach G for two years of b-ball and for coaching us all the way to the 'ship. BANNER BABY! Thanks for putting up with us and, more importantly, coaching us to become better men. I'll always remember practicing until it was dark, THE DEN, team lunches, tournaments (Vancouver). Then wondering what to do at lunch and after school after it's all over. I'll always remember bio class with Smitty, accidentally attracting a bear with beef jerky, trudging around in long underwear, Captain Morgan poses all on outdoor ed. Social class with Bennett was always a new adventure. Vietnam was one helluva ride I'll never forget, The chili has arrived! And Tanzania, all those PARTY BUSERS, Brian, Katie, Carolyn, Vince, Brent, Robbie and, of course, CUTHBERT! MUMBO POA!! Stayin' up listening to chill tunes, the mud pit of doom, having heart to heart guy talks, Zanzibar, burning to a crisp, creeper pics.

PEACE & LOVE

Geoffrey Forget



Well, I'm finally here, escaping from the furies of WIC. To all those entering into the twelfth grade, don't take it too seriously, though these grades determine everything that will happen in your future. No sweat. At least I get to keep all those interesting memories, such as helping biologically explode toilet at Grade 9 outdoor ed (I blame those who made the food and Sean for keeping on flushing), almost breaking my neck by skiing at full speed up a quarter pipe and not being able to look left for three weeks (once again, I blame Sean, he dared me to do it), and being the only person who entered senior school with a full beard (I blame ...) I'll also never forget those friends that I gained here, how Ben and I played rule-bending games of tackle basketball, escaping unscathed as Jarret next to me burnt off 90% of his face, being kicked down a stairwell in a garbage can by David, and adding too much magnesium to CuSO₄, releasing a stench that stayed in the junior lab for two years, until it was flooded. All in all, I did enjoy my time here, but now it's time to explore the rest of the world.



"Give a man a match and you warm him for a moment. Light a man on fire and you warm him for the rest of his life." - Geoffrey Forget



Krista Friesen

I never imagined the past six years at WIC would have gone by so fast. There are so many great memories I will never forget: all four years of travel studies, Math 31 with Billy and Milly, the boom boom dance, Natasha's shiny hair, the stairs, and so many other unforgettable times.

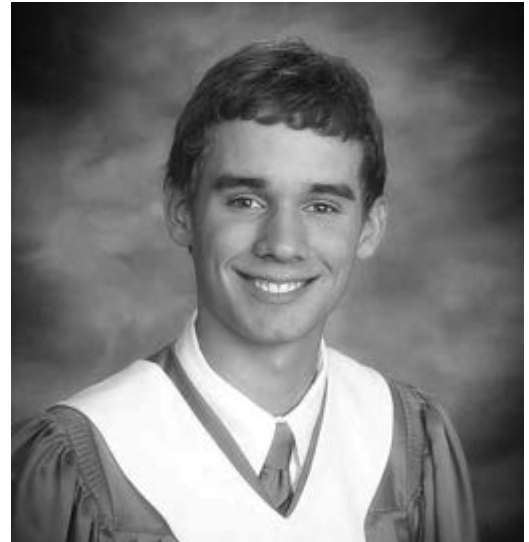
My friends: you guys are awesome and I will never forget any of you. And thank you to all of the teachers who helped me along the way. It is hard to sum up six years of memories in one short paragraph; however, to say the least, WIC was amazing and I will never forget any of the times or any of the people I have met.

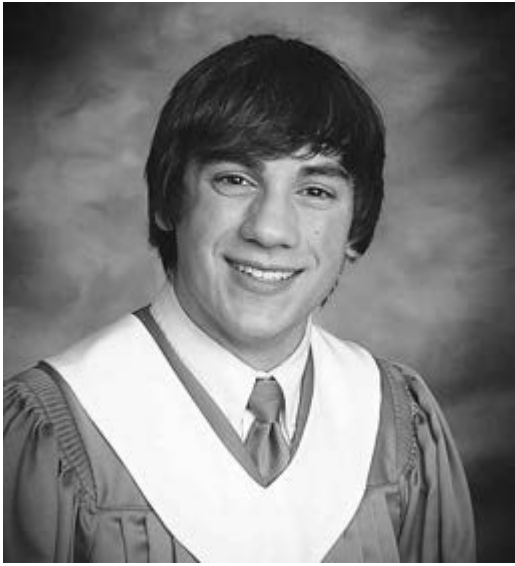
"If you never did you should. These things are fun and fun is good."
- Dr. Seuss

Chris Ghersinich



Having been at WIC for half of my education, I have grown attached to its unique culture and way of life. The fact that there has always been less than 500 students from Grade 7 to 12 has made me feel that the community is much more tightly knit than one where you don't even know the names of everybody in your graduating class. The teachers have all had lasting effects on me and the lessons they have taught, whether they be academic or life oriented in nature, will stay with me forever. I've made lifelong friendships during my time at WIC and have come to know many amazing people who will go on to do great things in life. The best times I've had at WIC are easily during spring break travel studies, whether it be selling ice-cream at a profit in Bayeux, shooting AK-47's back in 'Nam, or watching the stars while lying on top of the sand dunes during a Saharan night. The experiences I've had over my five years at WIC have slowly shaped me into the person I am today and I honestly would not change anything, I have no regrets.





Justin Giannoccaro

I will always remember: our epic video productions for French class, paying Hugh twenty pounds on the Europe trip to drink hollandaise sauce and having to deal with the consequences later on the bus, filming Rob jumping off the stairs and wrecking his foot, ordering fresh fruit in Vietnam, Mr. Liandzi doing up my tie for the grad photo and then making a speech about how I would never forget how he did up my tie for the grad photo. There are countless other memories, but instead of naming them I would like to thank all of the friends I shared them with who were always there to help me finish my homework before class the day it was due, and who made my six years at WIC so memorable.

Final word: I'd like to thank all of my teachers who helped me develop over my time at WIC, and hopefully realize my dream of becoming a doctor. I'd also like to thank my sister for being a great friend, my dad for inspiring me, and my mom for making my lunch every day and putting up with me for 18 years; I love you all. To my fellow students and friends, good luck!

Favorite quote: "Enzymes and their substrates have a high degree of specificity"
- Mr. Smith

Andre Gomez

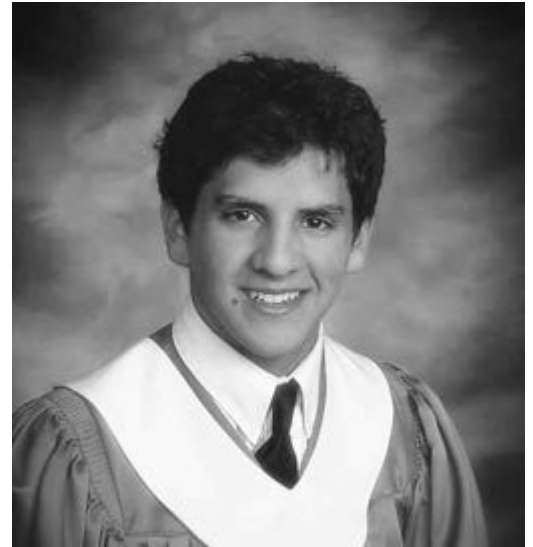
"I am a man of few words. I only say what needs to be said ... which is usually nothing."

- Andre Gomez



"I never think of the future. It comes soon enough."

-Albert Einstein



Sarah Hall

My time at WIC had been amazing. There have been so many memories and friends that I have made, all of whom I will never forget. This years' travel studies to Tanzania was one of my most memorable memories here at WIC because of the people and once in a lifetime experiences that I was lucky to have.

" HARD TRAINING

EASY COMBAT"

This is a quote that I live by. If you put your heart into your training at the beginning, the competition will be easy compared to your training. The only way to be the best you can be is to work hard and never give up.

Brian Handkamer

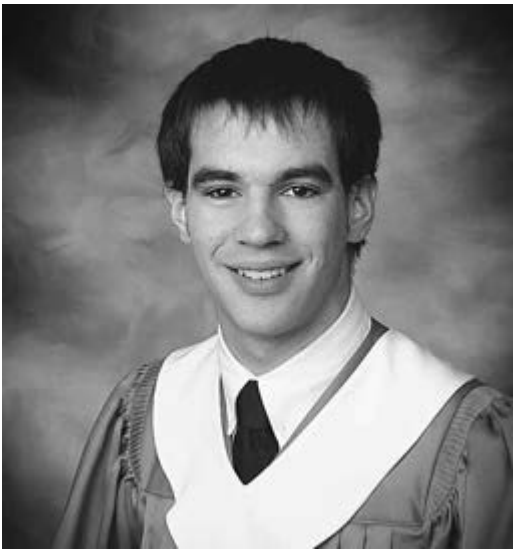
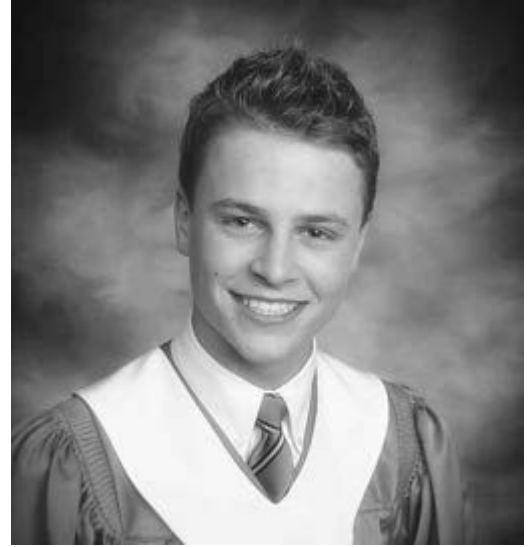


It appears that the school year is coming to a close and, with it, my high school education. It's been a long haul and a lot of work, but wow it has gone by fast. WIC has provided a lot of opportunities for me over the years and I feel that I have accomplished much (from stripping in front of the assembly and

lip syncing "Journey" to traveling on SEA 2006 and becoming a Prefect). I have so many amazing memories with the friends I've met at WIC during this short yet pinnacle chapter of my life; however, I can't possibly begin to explain all of them. Thank you to my friends, family, classmates and teachers for making my stay at WIC so incredible.

"The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher."

- Thomas Huxley



Mark Hanson



I splashed onto the WIC scene at what will later be known to historians as the "Dawn of the 21st Century". My first impressions were that WIC was a unified community and I'd still say that's true. I may have only come to WIC in grade 10,

but the highlight of my first year here would definitely be being on the Senior Boys Basketball Team. So, I'd like to just say a huge thank you to Mr. Grewal, and any members of the Senior Boys team over the past three years. However, I'd like to impart some advice to future WIC grads:

Don't screw up.

And watch out for Mr. Liandzi. That guy's crazy!

Michael Howarth

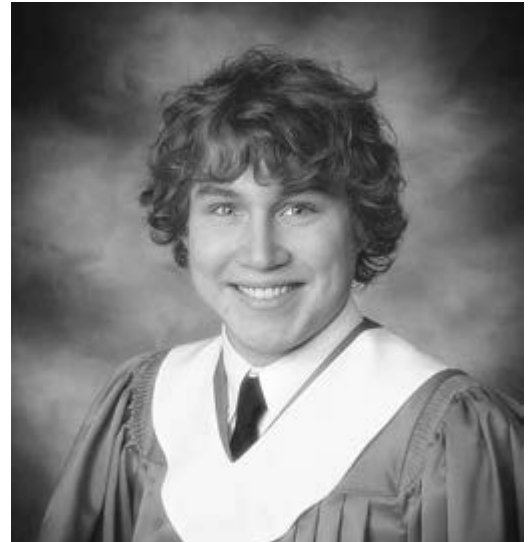


I sat in front of my computer for quite some time trying to come up with something witty to write here, but nothing came to mind so I decided I would just say thanks. Thanks to Ryan, Vince and Nausheen for joining WIC at the same time as me. Thanks to the friends who made me feel welcome. Thanks to the teachers who patiently taught me. Thanks to the Gentlemen of WIC for the good times. Thanks to my Morocco Travel Studies group for a memorable two weeks. Thanks to anyone and anything I missed out. Finally, thanks to Chloë Burgess for everything.

I wish everyone the best of luck in whatever they pursue when they step out of their WIC uniforms and I hope that we meet again.

Take care of yourselves,

Mike - Hong Kong - Howarth





Mark Illing

I'm meant to fit six years into 175 words. I was never very good at Math ... or English, but that just doesn't seem like enough room to me. Through the ups and the downs we all, eventually, find who it is that we really are. There was a point for me when I no longer found my identity in stereotypes. Not just the quiet kid, not just the kid who draws, and not just the insanely good looking kid or the modest kid. It can be very subtle or it can come as bit of an epiphany, but I would like to imagine that everyone of us has progressed in some way. It's all just part of the journey. You lose friends, you gain friends. You fall and you get back up. So long as we move forward, there are no regrets. It would be a huge mistake to not take the risks. The really dumb moments and the big achievements are equally important, and if you don't have both, no one will read the autobiography.

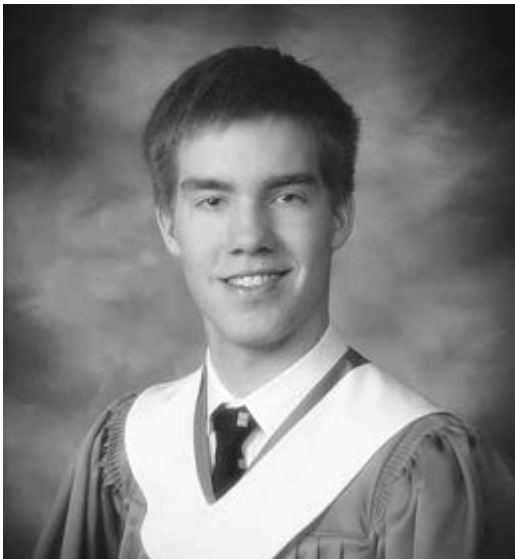
Chantelle Jaques

I have no idea where to start! My journey at WIC has been filled with amazing memories, all of which cannot be fit into this tiny paragraph. To my friends, Krista (Silly), I'll never forget the day in Science 10 where we both decided to be princesses, or our amazing skills when it came to dancing to songs like "Boom Boom Boom." I'll always remember you TBF. Beth, I clearly remember we were to finally be friends so neither one of us had to feel incredibly yall anymore. Natasha (Billy), I have way too memories with you, but one of the better ones has to be pulling a KB together. Love you TBF. Annalise, all I can say is that you are the craziest person I've ever met, but it's amazing. As far as memories go, I have to make a tribute to Travel Studies '08. This trip was, by far, one of the greatest trips of my life. Hey Jude, show pows, the bottle cap game, GTBFs, everything about this trip was incredible. Thanks everyone for making my years at WIC phenomenal.



Adam Johnson

Since coming to WIC in Grade 10, I have made many friends, had many good times, and hopefully learned a thing or two. Stay classy, San Dieg ... oops, I mean WIC.



Joshua Kazakoff

It's been an exciting three years at WIC and lots of good memories have occurred in these years. Ski day with the one piece snow suits, the outdoor ed. mountain biking trip, and the one piece snow suits, and the encounter with the skunk.

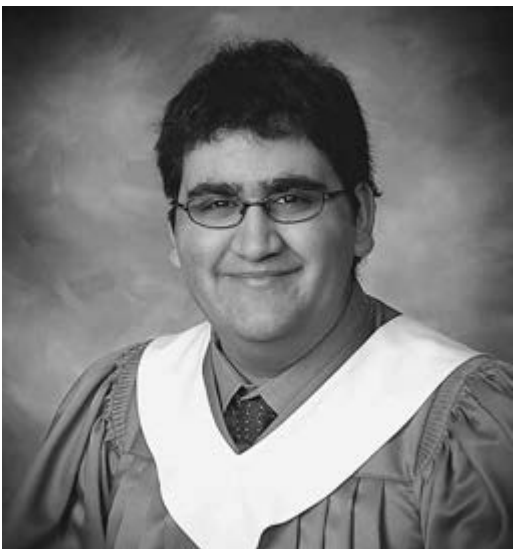
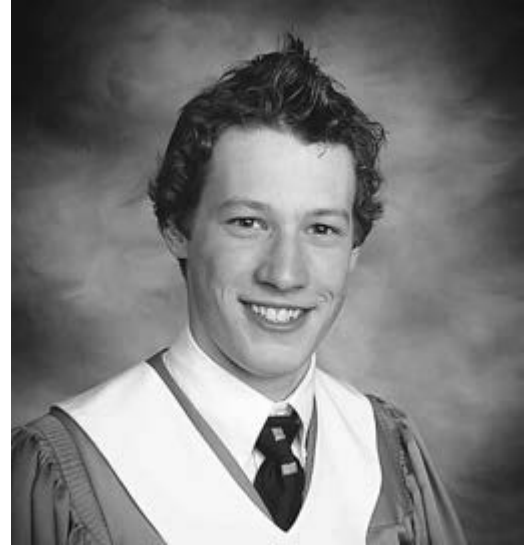


One of my favorite parts about going to WIC is the rugby team and all the fun that we've had together.

I've had a great time with all the people I've met these past three years, and I wish everyone the best of luck in their futures.

"Fairy tales don't tell children dragons exist; children know dragons exist; fairy tales tell children dragons can be slain."

Cheers



Benjamin Kline

Every man's conscience and heart is draped in the mortal coil we know as a body. When it comes time to write a message for the graduating biography, it is rather hard to convey the slurry of feelings that comes to mind behind the face. Whether I admit it or not, every man has something worth learning, and this is an important lesson conveyed though the curriculum of West Island College. My only wisdom to convey to the future generations of intellects would be to listen to teachers, to fellow students, and to the general populace. This school has abundance of wisdom in teachers, caretakers, and staff. For this reason, it would be to difficult to thank everyone individually. My teachers who will forever leave lasting impressions: Marran, Kerr, Bosica, Smith, Poitras, Lim, Claude, Liandzi (for the teachings, not the wit and girth), Dickens-Allen, McCarthy, Lewis, to only name a few. To my fellow brothers: Sean, I have great expectations for you in life, don't ever regret your intelligence and personality. David, continue to argue with finesse and justice. Jarret, like me, you are still looking for your calling, may you find happiness in your pursuits. Geoffrey, engineer me up something good, you hear!
Per Ardua Ad Astra

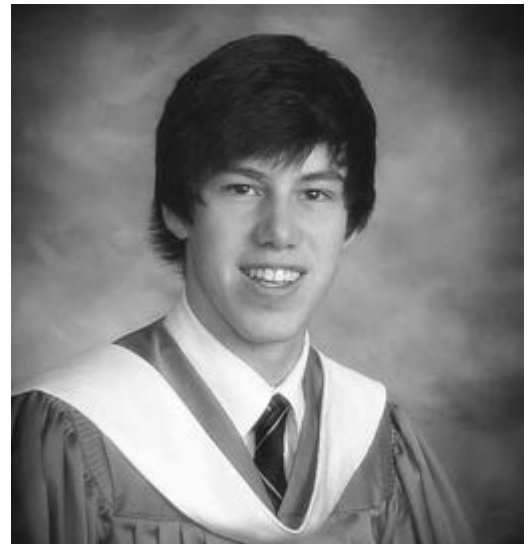
Everett Knight

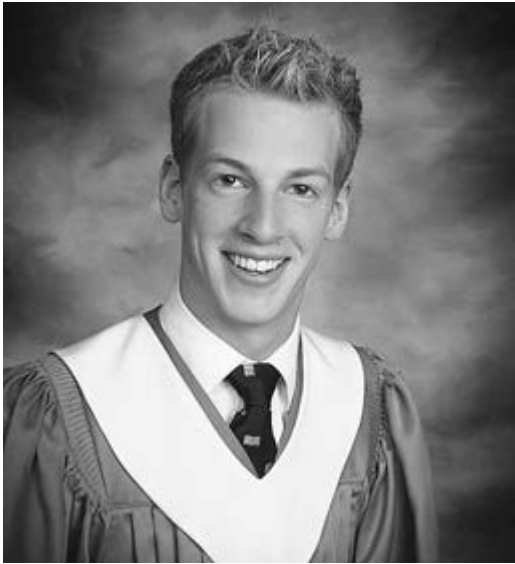
Well it's finally here. I have spent a long six years here at West Island and now it's all coming to an end. Over the last few weeks I've been thinking about all the memories that I have enjoyed over the last six years and what memories I should share. The fact is over the past 6590 hours I've spent inside these



walls there are just SO many good memories and learning experiences that I want to remember. Whether it was junior days, outdoor ed. with Mr. G., playing on the basketball, volleyball, soccer, floor hockey and badminton teams in junior high, the volleyball, rugby, soccer, and badminton teams in senior high, Europe and Morocco travel studies, Peer Support, Student Council, member of the cast of *The Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Three Musketeers*, *The Short Happy Madness of Julian Thaddeus Springer*, or just getting to know the people in my grade, it was a good time. These experiences have ultimately formed the person I am today and have provided the foundation of who I will become.

- Peace out ... We're done.





Vincent Koch

After about a month of thought, this short paragraph finally came together. You never really know what to write in things like this. They say time flies when you're having fun and, after two seemingly short years, I can actually attest to that. Travel Studies of 2008 may be perhaps my most memorable time at WIC. It was incredible being able to visit Africa in the company of friends and favourite teachers. My first thank you has to be given to my first friends at WIC last year: Ryan, Mike, Nausheen, Natalie, Raz and Adam. You were the people who helped make high school as great as it was. Of course, I would also like to thank all the staff who aided me in becoming another West Island College success. I can't determine how I will be remembered here, but I will say to everyone that this entire chapter in my life has been an unforgettable rollercoaster ride.

Cheers!

Hugh Kolas

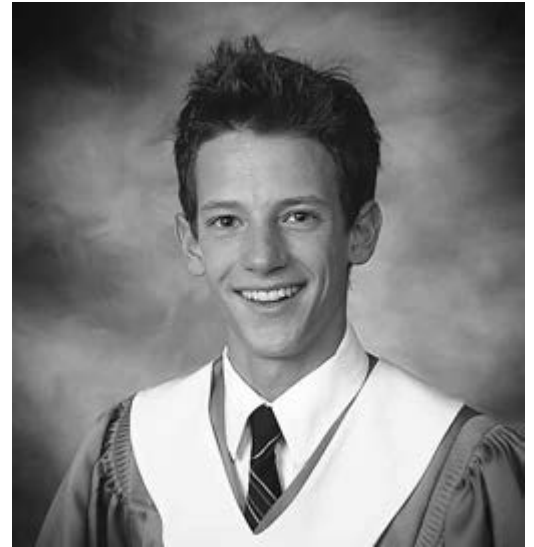
I will always remember all of the great friends I met throughout my years at WIC, the caring faculty members who helped build who I am today, and those who helped push me forward when needed. The time I spent with Students' Council was an experience that I'll never forget. Also my travels to Thailand,



Europe, Laos and Brazil will be among my fondest memories. I'll also never forget the amazing drama productions we've put on over the years.

In the future, I hope to make a positive difference in the one large global community we live in. I want to thank EVERYONE who helped support me throughout my stay at WIC, especially its faculty: if it weren't for you, I wouldn't be who and where I am today. Thanks to my parents and sisters who continually pushed me further, allowing me to achieve goals I once thought impossible. My experience at WIC is one which I shall never forget.

"My sun sets to rise again" - Robert Browning



Sarah Lawson



My three years at WIC were incredible. I learned so much, not just from my outstanding teachers, but from my peers as well. My most memorable time during the last year at WIC was Travel Studies. Spending time with my classmates away from a school environment was so much fun. I will always remember

the good times chatting with friends in between every single class to pass the time of the school day! That will definitely be a good past time. I'm going to miss all the friends I've made, but look forward to starting fresh in university!

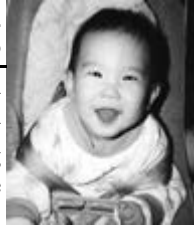
xoxo



Chloe Leung

This was my first year at WIC and I am glad I came for my senior year. Even though it was my only year, I have made many memories that will follow me. I roughed it through the camping trip ... tackle duck, duck, goose! The best memory was the Galapagos/ Ecuador travel studies trip.

I bonded with some and made close friends with many. I'll always remember: bottle cap game, screams at the dinner table, bugs in our hair, and room. Hey Jude, right guys ... yeah! And I am glad I'm the only one who didn't pull a KB. This year is a once in a lifetime experience and I am glad that I made so many friends to live it through with. Jeffery will always be with me. GTBFs for life!



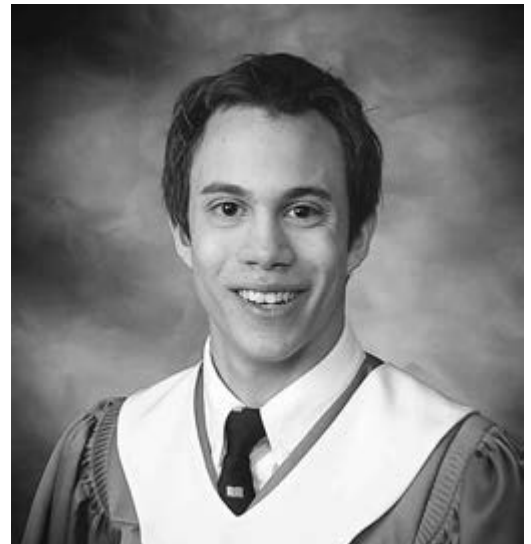
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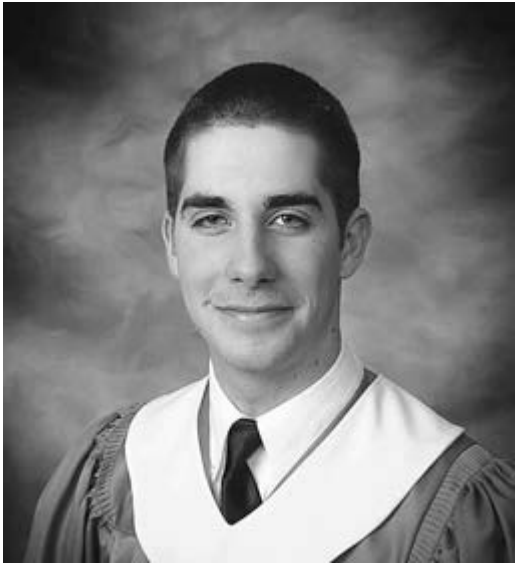
"How vain it is to sit down to write when you have not stood up to live."

- Henry David Thoreau

Kevin Majeski

Thanks to my friends and teachers for making my six years at WIC very enjoyable. I learned so much from everyone and will miss the school and its people very much.





Andrew Martin

You never really know exactly what to say for these kind of things. If I have anything to say, it's this:

Thank you to my teachers, who always had the answers.

Thank you to the secretaries, who always brightened my day.

Thank you to my classmates, who I hope are successful in whatever path they choose.

And lastly, thank you to all those who come before me, and those who are to come after me.

okay, okay.
shout out to my sister

Julia Martin

Thank you. It's been a wild time, and I wouldn't trade it for anything. These days and nights we spend living out our adolescence, unknowingly shaping ourselves and each other forever ... Nothing will ever compare to the immeasurable achievement, commradship and heartbreak that these hallways have endured during our time here. Thank you to my teachers, every one of you. I hope you know your impact on me. Every teacher here is just that - a teacher: an inspiration and role model. Thank you, grads, for putting up with me and supporting me while I so often insisted on running the show. I'll never forget WIC, my three years spent here have meant so much to me: Morocco travel studies, SEA, being Prefect and everything else. Thank you to those who count, my best friends, you know who you are.

Future plans: LIVE LAUGH LOVE - change the world and be a recostructive plastic surgeon

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift. That's why they call it the present."

In loving memory of Mr. Dale Bennett

p.s. holla bro! <3



Natalie Mason

Six years later, and it is finally done! Not so long ago, I was in Grade 7, thinking it would be a century before I graduated. To all the teachers who came across my path, kudos to you all; the Mason record for after school sessions will be difficult to beat. (Special shout out to Ms. Kerr, Ms. Hollinshead, Mr. Cantrill, and Mr. Smith). Claire, all the talks, movies, dinners, girls' nights, lunches, made the getting through possible, you're a friend forever. Sarah Hall, Tanzania, to great nights out, I love you! Jen, you've been with me from the start. Julia, your insightfulness and brilliance I admire. Group of Tanzania '08, best trip ever! Remember me, as the short girl in Grade 12, who will likely be spotted in the future with Kalan Porter or Zac Efron. Couldn't have done it without ... Evan, Andrew, Kevin, and Brian, Crossley, and Firepants! Thanks for ALWAYS being there!

Thank you to everyone; it is not goodbye, it is see you later!
Through all the good and bad that we all may face, remember:
"Tough times do not last, tough people do."

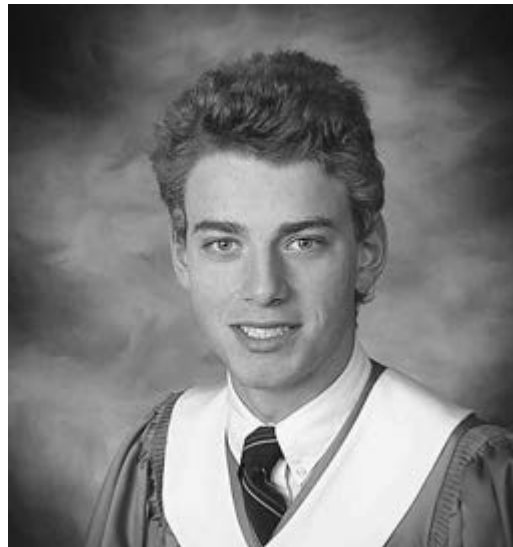
Murdoch Matheson

Wow, six years, 365 x 6 ... It's been a long stretch, with lots of good and bad times. Through it all, I've come to appreciate everyone here. My friends, my peers, my teachers. West Island College was where I came to mature as an adult, and it acted as a stepping stone to the next phase: university.



Again, thanks to everyone for making me who I am today.

Go Wolves!



Ryan McArthur

Had a beautiful time in my two years at WIC. Great teachers in every subject who I've come to greatly respect. Met some great people, good friends with many of them. No doubt this school has gotten me where I am. I am going to miss the place.

But now, I am happy to say (proudly and respectfully), I am officially done with West Island College :-)

Alec McCauley

After six years spent at WIC I can still remember my first morning of Grade 7. Coming in the front doors, Mr. Smith showing me to my locker in the French hall and taking me to my first class. Six years later a lot has changed. I now understand all of Mr. Smith's jokes, or at least understand that for the sake of my biology mark it is best to laugh at



even the ones I don't get. There are no longer lockers in the French hallway, and there is a whole new building. Six years gone by and all that's left to do is thank the people who have made it amazing. First to all, my friends for all the laughs (both with me and at me). To all the faculty, staff and administration: thanks for everything. Thanks to Pierre Poitras for always believing in me. Last and certainly not least, thanks to Abby Charchun and Eva Knight for all their support and, most importantly, friendship this past year.

"Everyday when you're walking down the street, everybody that you meet has an original point of view and I say HEY! what a wonderful kind of day, where you can learn to work and play and get along with each other" - Arthur theme song





Alana McIntyre

What can I say about these last six years of my life, other than thank you, West Island College. Starting out as a Grade 7 kid can really be intimidating, but I can't even imagine having a better school life with as much excitement and great times. Junior and Senior high were filled with making new friends,

basketball teams, climbing club, peer support, outdoor ed. trips, school plays, wonderful teachers, the countless school dances, and many changes both small and big. The school has grown with us, both in physical size and number of students. Our graduating class has such a unique bond, one that is pretty hard to find in the average high school. Travel Studies to Morocco was incredible, and definitely unforgettable. Spending the last night in Paris was a perfect end to a perfect trip with many new friends. Being a prefect opened so many doors and within the council we accomplished so much. The grad fashion show was so much fun in the end, and was a great warm up to get us excited for graduation. Well, we did it, guys; congrats to the graduating class of 2008. Thanks for the memories!

Jenna McLean

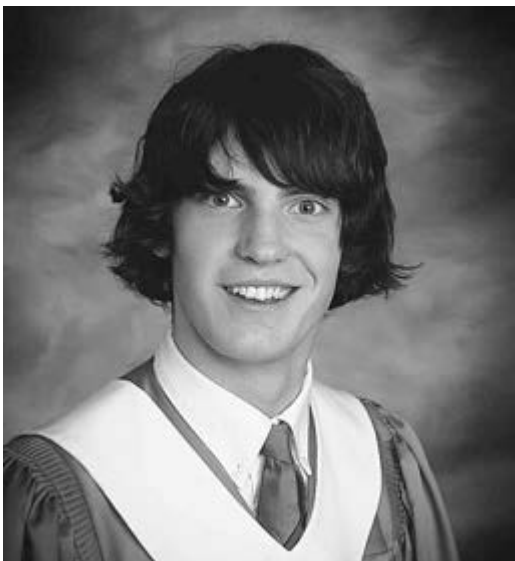
The past six years have been made up of amazing friendships, endless partying and many lessons learned. Travel Studies has opened my eyes to the world and has taught me so many things I could never have learned in a classroom. Unforgettable memories: China, India, Morocco, Europe. To all my teachers, you have all impacted me in some way and I thank you for pushing me through school, especially Mr. Bennett, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Grewal.



Thanks to my Mom, Dad, and Spencer for never-ending support.

The friendships I have made at WIC are ones I cherish and I can't wait to grow on outside of high school. Annalise, you are amazing. Jeff, Graham and Raz, you kept me laughing every day. Thank you again to WIC for giving me so many opportunities and six unbelievable years.

LET'S GET WILD!!!



Michael McLean

"They say that time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself." - Andy Warhol

My journey at WIC has been a very memorable one. It has been filled with a lot of good times and left me with a lot of great memories. I remember how much fun I had at the Grade 7 sleep-over, and how I meet everyone in my grade. Some highlights of my time at WIC were going on Travel Studies to England and France in Grade 9, and to Morocco in Grade 12. Thank you all my friends and especially my family for helping me to achieve my personal goals and making these past years so meaningful.

Good luck to all my fellow classmates!

Paul Mintchev

And now, the end is near, And so I face the final curtain. My friends, I'll say it clear; I'll state my case of which I'm certain. I've lived a life that's full - I've travelled each and every highway. And more, much more than this, I did it my way.

Regrets? I've had a few, But then again, too few to mention. I did what I had to do, And saw it through without exemption. I planned each charted course - Each careful step along the byway, And more, much more than this, I did it my way. Yes, there were times, I'm sure you knew, When I bit off more than I could chew, But through it all, when there was doubt, I ate it up and spit it out. I faced it all and I stood tall and did it my way. I've loved, I've laughed and cried, I've had my fill - my share of losing. But now, as tears subside, I find it all so amusing. To think I did all that, And may I say, not in a shy way - Oh no. Oh no, not me. I did it my way. For what is a man? What has he got? If not himself - Then he has naught. To say the things he truly feels And not the words of one who kneels. The record shows I took the blows And did it my way.



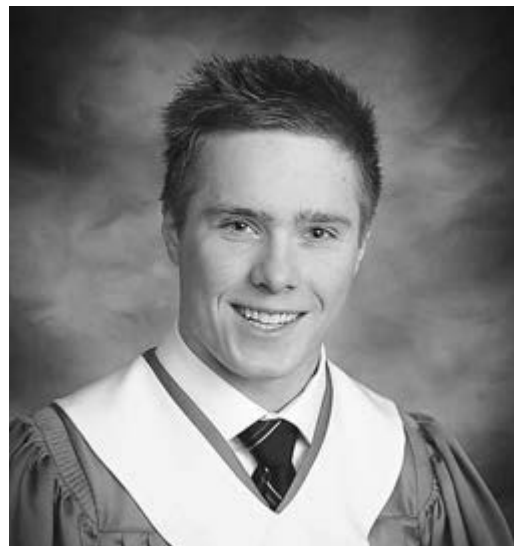
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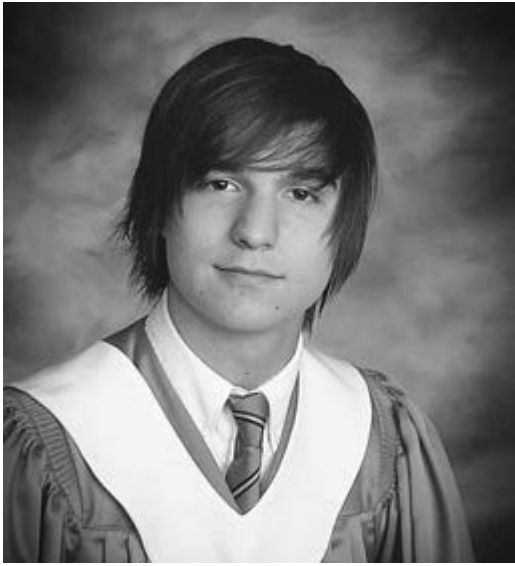
The first words that come to mind: I can't believe I'm actually about to graduate. The past six years have been surreal, and as long and painful as times seemed, it's finally coming to an end. With a new chapter ready to begin, all I can do is my best to deal with whatever comes my way. Thanks to those who have been there to support me, because I don't think I could have done it without you. I've had some amazing times with some amazing friends, so let's keep those good times rolling.

Ethan Mohan

Thank you, West Island College, my best friends, Matt, Joe, Jason, Team Awesome, Owen, Spenny, Mr. Grewal, winning five championships, and a Banner. Everything you have done for me, I am grateful for. Mr. McCarthy, thank you for helping me to discover myself as an individual through trips to Laos and

Thailand '06, and Mozambique '07. Saucy Minxs, Ellie, all the amazing memories and experiences with you I will truly never forget. You will always be my high school sweetheart. Thanks again to the faculty of WIC and all you have done for me.





Christopher Moore

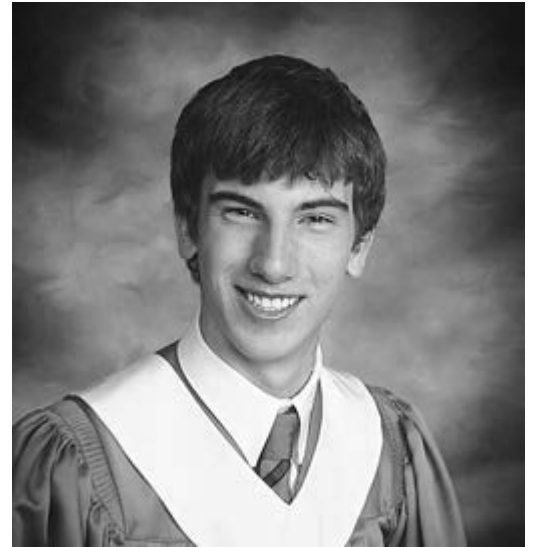
Thanks to:
My parents for supporting me through WIC for six years
My sister for the healthy competition
Anybody who ever meant something

Theodore Mulyk

It has been a good six years at WIC. Learned a lot, matured a bit, and made lots of good friends. It is a bittersweet end, but I am glad I can move onto something new. I would say more but I am done with writing.

"Never let the future disturb you. You will meet it, if you have to, with the same weapons of reason which today arm you against the present."

- Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

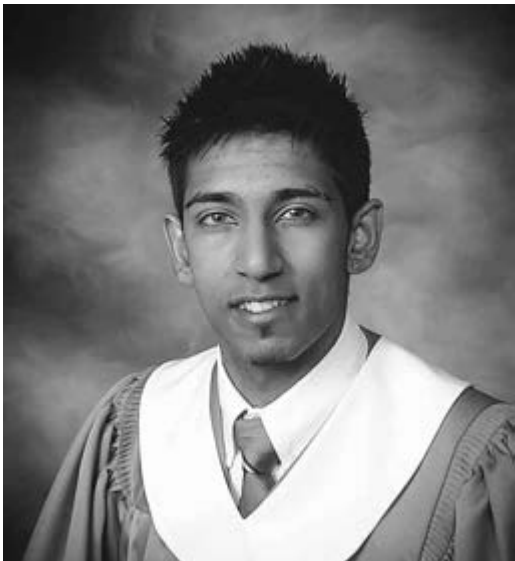


Navid Nathoo



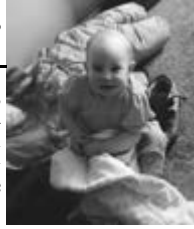
As I entered my first class in Grade 10, I remember looking around at all the new faces. I thought to myself, life has turned a new chapter and its titled, "West Island Collge". I forged new prospects as to how I would be involved in this new community. My first real desire in WIC was to be on WICAA.

From then on I evolved from being Assistant House Captain of Davies House to becoming the Vice President of WICAA while being invloved in over ten different aspects in the WIC community such as the Graduation Commitee and Model UN. WIC has allowed me to fulfil my future goals and has taught me many valuble life lessons along the way. In fact, I am currently learning one as I am writing this. Thank you WIC for helping me in the most important aspect: Life.



Elizabeth O'Dwyer

My time at WIC have been unforgettable, so many memories that will stay with me forever. Thank you so much to my teachers who pushed me to achieve my goals. Without you, I would have never discovered that it is possible to achieve anything if you are passionate about it. You have had such an amazing influence on my life and I will never forget you. I have had the privilege of being part of many activities and experiences in my time at WIC. Some weeks I think I spent more time in this building than at home. The Drama productions, WICAA meetings, travel studies trips, SEA trip and sports tournaments were just some of the wonderful things that filled my time at WIC, and I wouldn't have had it any other way. To my volleyball ladies: I will miss you guys next year; just remember where "You Got Your Body From" and always play hard. I would also like to give a huge shout out to all my friends. Everyone always says these are the best times of your life and they truly are. You guys are amazing, I LOVE YOU! We made it and I am so proud of everyone. Remember this is only the beginning of our fabulous lives.



Bennett Oswald

"Find something you love to do and you'll never have to work a day in your life."

"Education is what remains when one has forgotten everything one learned in school."

"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly."

"I don't know what the key to success is, but the key to failure is trying to please everyone."

Peace

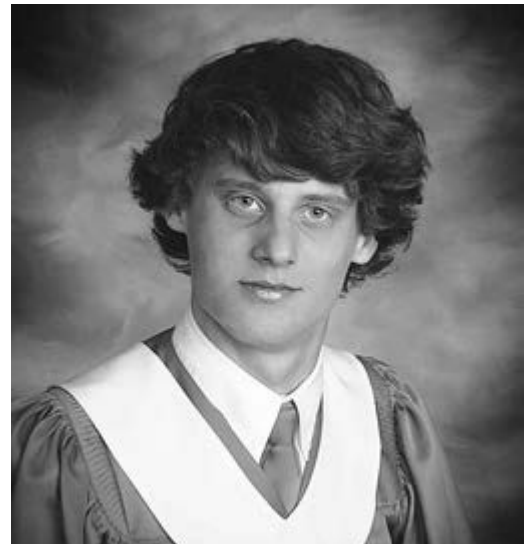
Nathaniel Paxton

WIC has given me so much over the past three years. I have had a ton of fun while becoming a respectable student. Outdoor ed trips, freezing in our tents, mountain biking trips both years, riding in the mud, cooking good meals. Spirit days, pyjama days, crazy hair days, field trips in Grade 10 gym with Mr.

Therriault, it was all fun. Everybody, Morocco group, fallopian swim team, French class, gym class, all the teachers and the graduating class: without you, WIC wouldn't have been as awesome.

"I'm too drunk to taste this chicken" - the late great Colonel Sanders
"If you can't have fun in a rental car, then you're already dead."

I wonder what the most intelligent thing ever said was that started with the word dude. "Dude, these are isotopes. Dude, we removed your kidney. You're gonna be fine. Dude, I am so stoked to win this Nobel Prize." - Demetri Martin





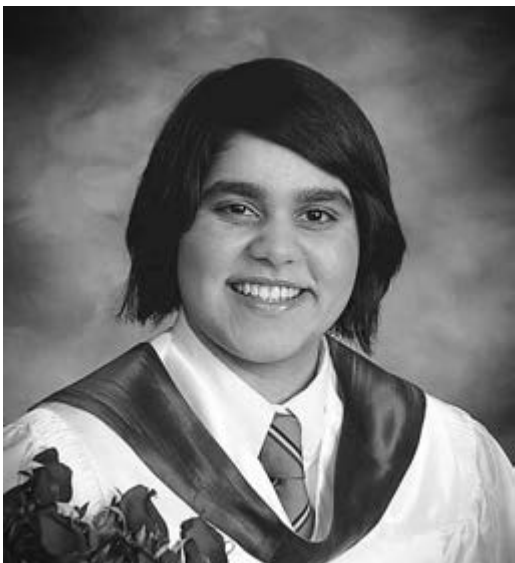
Zoe Petropoulos

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." - Mark Twain

Thank you to all my teachers, friends and especially my family.

Claire Roskey

The past six years have been ridiculous, sometimes great and sometimes awful. However I've had so many people change my life in positive ways and help me along the way. Thanks Ms. Lewis, Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Simard, Mr. Poitras, Ms. Dickens-Allen, and Mr. Marran for putting up with me and being my favorites. Thanks Natalie (I love you so much, SO much. You've been there for me for YEARS and I can't thank you enough); Talia (we're basically the same person, I'm glad we got so close & I'll come visit you next year. Love you!); Evan (it's been kind of ridiculous in a good way, you are so wonderful!), Chloe, Sarah, Chris, Andrew, Sean, and everyone else who's been fantastic. Thanks, mom & dad (for always pointing me in the right direction), Hilary (for being my best Roskey family friend), Hannah (for being so classy and a great person to look up to), and Christian (for being only 7 years old). Also, going to Vietnam/Cambodia and Tanzania/Zanzibar were the best experiences of my life, I'll remember them for many years to come. Well, I guess I've written a bit too much, but just one last thing (just for you, Ms. Lewis): Just because I cannot see it, doesn't mean I can't believe it! - Jack Skellington
Goodbye, High School!



Nausheen Sadiq

The perfect goodbye often starts and ends with a good quote. In between those quotes is a nice farewell which could potentially be used as a death speech. Being Nausheen, here is my rendition of a normal farewell; I hope you enjoy!

"Insert Quote Here"

Thanks to God, my family and everyone else who believed in me, as I find myself at the end of my twelve year journey. My brief time spent at WIC has been interesting to say the least. I have made memories and friends that will last a lifetime. A special thanks and congratulations to all the staff and students for being able to put up with me; you may now go out and conquer the world!

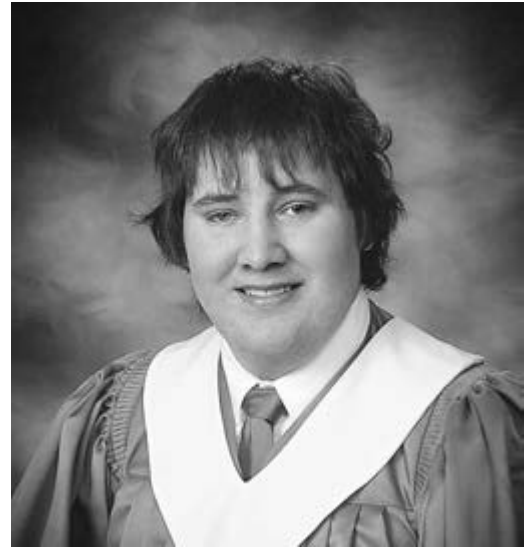
To my fellow classmates and friends, we did it! And as we finish high school we realize that university brings on more education! I would like to give a sincere thanks to everyone I have spent time with. You have all made an impact in my life and I would not be the person I am today without these past two years.

Thank you all, sorry for the trouble, and I wish you all the best:

"Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened." - Dr. Seuss

Jarett Schrader-Balson

Well, it would appear that I managed to graduate. Three cheers for me. In other news, I believe that I am required to pass on my years of knowledge on to the future grades. Since I was in the French program and shoved in the hall above the science wing most of my junior years, all I can really say is, feel the wall, it's warm. Since no one ever really reads these things I feel that anything I say is being wasted and therefore Dark figures lurk in sunlight. You figure it out; I'm too busy pretending I'm special. Over the course of my life I have come to the conclusion that, while most people would have a tendency to look out for themselves, there are a select few who would watch out for the group. Those are communists. They're also my close knit group of friends who I have had the privilege to know and spend my five years here at WIC with. I would also like to state for the record that while on the River Watch in Grade 9, I was viciously assaulted by around 500 wasps. It was terribly painful. It also didn't help that I was forced to go through the sewage plant next. Save the trees, they help you breathe. Alas, I must leave for all time and I wish you all luck and may your basket be always full of basil. Look it up.



Karston Smith

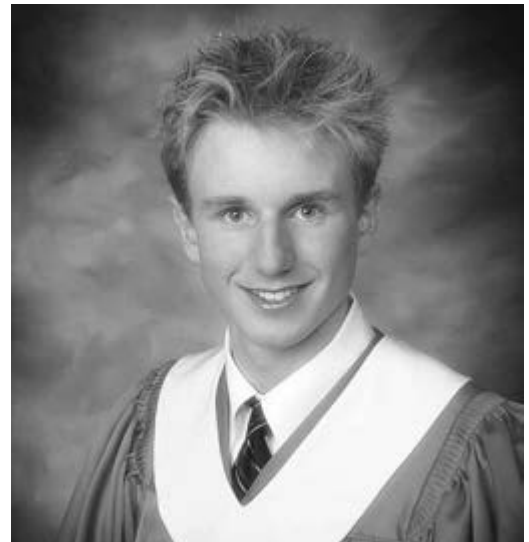
For the past three years of my life I have attended West Island College. Now being 18 years of age, the past three years composed approximately 16.6 % of my total lifetime. To say that West Island College hasn't been a large part of my life would be a lie in terms statistics and my own personal opinion. However, I do not intend to argue numbers.

The reality is that for the past three years I have attended a school where school days often didn't feel like school days, where teachers were almost relatable to at times, and where a diverse group of friends was always there to fill every social niche presented. It is now the end of my studies at WIC and I leave with a collection of experiences to retain and it has been during the process of accumulating these memories that I have come to realize that WIC has not molded me to any preconceived formula. West Island College has only helped me discover who I am in actuality without disturbing my character. It has unveiled my aspirations and given me a certain vision of where I want to tread in both the near and distant future. I would like to thank all the people who made WIC what it is and what it will continue to be and, most importantly, for all that has been shared.

"You know, sometimes I amaze even myself." - Han Solo

Sean Spence

When I came to WIC six years ago, a tiny Grade 7 with terrible organizational skills and the inability to sit still in class, I saw a building. Now, as graduation approaches, I see a home which I must sadly leave behind. I have learned so much, and not just from teachers and texts. Here I have experienced frustration and satisfaction, excitement and boredom, challenge and defeat, competition and camaraderie. Je vous remercie tous, amis et professeurs, pour cette expérience exceptionnelle et inoubliable.



"Success is not the result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire."

- Reggie Leach



Darcie Stein

Well here we are, at the end of an era! After all the changes we've seen in the world, in each other and in ourselves, it's time to leave high school the way we came in Grade 7: inspired, excited and a little scared ...

Some of the things I'll take with me: good times in Cabo, India (yellow bus crew), night hunting in Bhutan, so many late slips, Daddy's got you, Durcelliot, all the ballin friends I hope to always know, and millions of moments that have made my years at WIC unforgettable. Much love to all the awesome teachers, my family, and friends; thanks for everything.

"It's time we find out if life exists without a daily assembly, and, as it takes crazy twists and turns, just remember: Go with it, close your eyes and let it happen."

Natasha Sunderji

I have so many great memories at WIC since Grade 7 and I will always remember them. To my friends: Beth, you make me laugh, I will always remember you. Krista, I love you, silly, love billy (TBF). Chantelle, mills, I have too many memories with you, I will always remember us pulling KBs together (TBF). Annalise, you're insane. Oh baby. Travel studies '08 was amazing, definitely one of the best trips I've been on. GTBF, right guys ... yeah! all our songs, bottle cap game, definitely the time of my life.



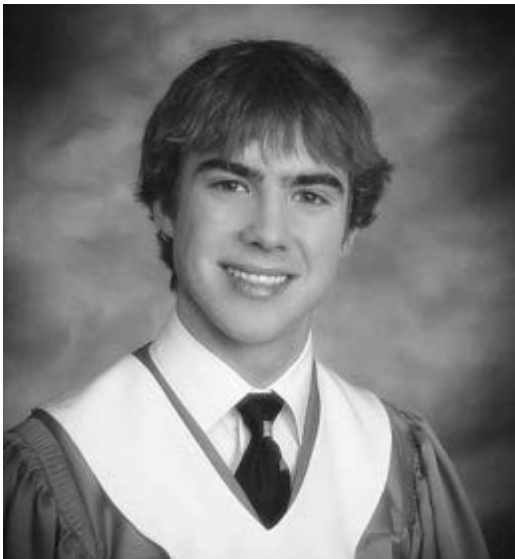
Brendan Vincelli



Ok, 200 words about me, you'd think this wouldn't be that hard, but it is, and I really don't want to write this. Well, I've been here for three years, never really had a day I didn't like, so that can't be a bad thing. But seriously, I had a great time, I met a lot of friends that I will keep in touch with for the rest of my life (hopefully). I'm never going to forget listening to the projector turn on in bio, or listening to Ms. Kerr talk about the sheer awesomeness of cancelling units. I had a great time in Morocco, and a great time in Bamfield. Ok, that about sums it up. Oh, and thanks to all my friends who made those years so great.

"That's nice."

- Mr. Cantrill

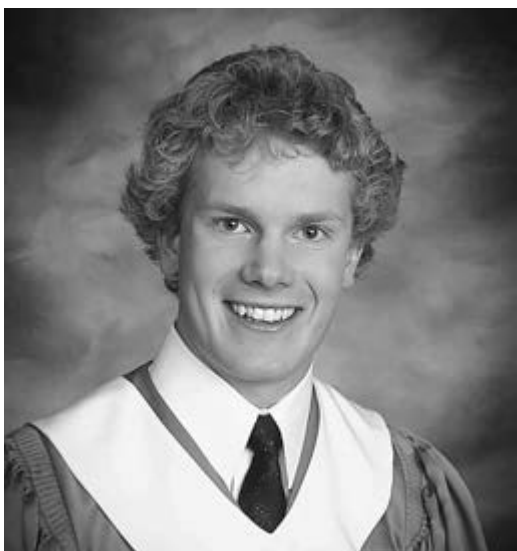


Ellie Wilmont

It's been a long, unforgettable six years at WIC. I couldn't have gotten through these years without the support of my family and my amazing friends. To the Durcelliot team, high school would have been nothing without my team member. To Eth, for all the amazing memories! To the incredible times in Mexico, Brazil and to the many parties. I will miss high school a lot but I'm very excited for the long road ahead of me.

Good luck to everyone in the future.

"Close your eyes and go with it"



Michael Wilton

It's hard to sum up six years in 200 words or less; it's just not feasible. From the first day of Grade 7, the Grade 7 sleepover, to the travel studies trips, and the last day of Grade 12, there's just too much. However, during my stay at WIC, I have come across a vast array of people and have developed friendships that will last forever. Who knew such long lasting relationships could result from sharing a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup or playing a simple game of Laser Quest? Great things happen when you least expect them, I guess. My fondest memories come from my experiences on travel studies, whether it be riding elephants in 'Nam, or riding camels through the Saharan desert, these are experiences that have further shaped me, and have given me memories that will last a lifetime. I will never forget the time I spent at WIC, nor will I forget the people I have met. It's been fun, but don't forget:

"Dont get cocky, kid!" - Han Solo, 1977

Audrey Wong

Favorite Motto: You are only as good as your last effort

Study Tips: Carelessness kills; complacency is murder. So do you want to crush the exams or crash them?

Memory of WIC: When drinking water, think of its source. My deepest appreciation to the faculty for shaping my wisdom, knowledge, and skill. And to my friends, for the heartwarming of my peers and friends.

Final word: Farewell now. Wise living gets rewarded with honour. Let's pour out our hearts, the next time we meet.

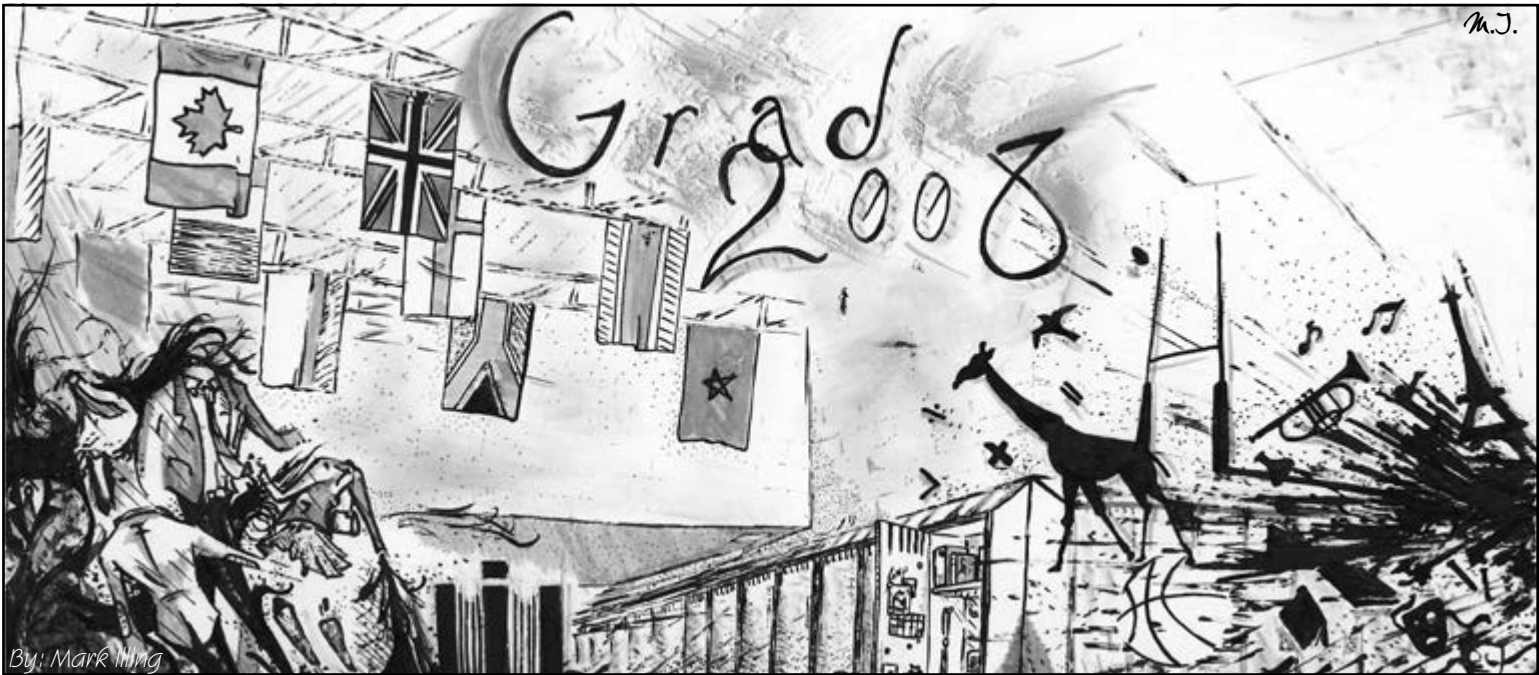




Annalise Young

To my best friends and our wild times: together you're what made high school unreal. WIC teams were awesome: slack, always a good time and never went a year without peeing my pants from laughing so hard. Jenna, you're the best; Graham, Jeff and Raz, you guys are my favorites and I'll always laugh

about all of our times together. Tara: Maui '08 was phenomenal! Thank you to my teachers, in particular, who made classes funny and bearable to the end of semester; I would've never made the grades without you ladies. FLA: un temps misérable mais toujours drôle avec Chantelle et Natasha. I'm an animal. Good luck graduates and party hard next year!!!



By: Mark Illing

University Placement

by: Mr. Rennie

*Researching careers and universities
University rankings
Applications and scholarship advice
Lifelong learning
Flexible career planning
Career interest assessment tools
Useful applications in career selection*

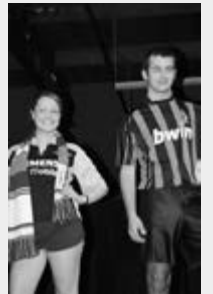
"What we have put into place at WIC is a three year program, starting in Grade 10 and building on the career and mentoring work in Grade 9 at our school and leading into a section of the Grade 10 CALM course which introduces students to researching careers and universities, university rankings, applications and scholarship advice."



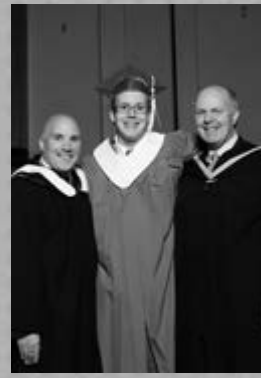
"Lifelong learning and flexible career planning are popular words of advice in career advising today for good reason. The information necessary to be successful in almost all career areas is changing quickly and re-training is often constant, and shifts within career fields are commonplace. To prepare high school students for that type of work world, students need to develop a process of career interest assessment and a flexible plan to reach career goals that may change before one even graduates, and then quite possibly again afterwards."



Grad Fashion Show!







Grad



Ceremonies



June 5 2008

Telus Convention Centre



Grad

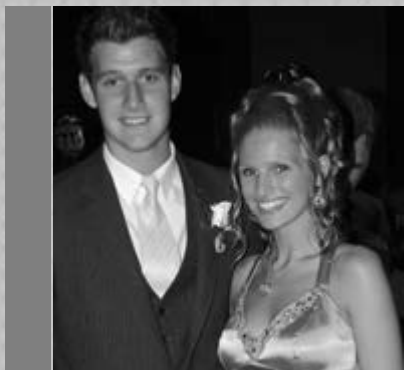


Banquet



June 6 2008

Palomino Room
Roundup Centre





Dr. Jane Goodall's Visit



"For the students of W.I.C. follow your dreams, hear your hearts."

- Jane Goodall



"It is the most important thing, I believe for conservation, is that everybody understands why it matters, why its important..."

- Jane Goodall



"..our program for young people Roots and Shoots, which is here at West Island College... and this is a program which because every single one of you can get involved in our growing family around the world. The programs in 98 countries now, weve got about eight thousand five hundred active groups and every group is actively rolling up its sleeves and getting out there and making the world a better place any ways that we choose. And its for people, for animals and for the environment and also for peace, for breaking down barriers we build between people of different nations and cultures and religions. And breaking down the barriers between us and the natural world..."

- Jane Goodall



For the students of W.I.C.
Follow your dreams
hear your hearts
Jane Goodall

An Evening with
Jane Goodall
Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute & UN Messenger of Peace

April 11, 2008
EPCOR CENTRE'S
Jack Singer Concert Hall

Presented by:
The Jane Goodall Institute calgaryzoo

www.jane-goodall.ca



On April 11th, world famous primatologist, Dr. Jane Goodall spoke at the Jack Singer Concert hall. She visited WIC the next day in a panel discussion with three other panelists, Kevin Strange, advisor of conservation outreach at the Calgary Zoo, Brian Pincott, an Alderman and Dr. Brad Stelfox who specializes in urban encroachment.



For those of us lucky enough to see Dr. Jane Goodall, were treated to an inspiring talk by a remarkable women. After being greeted by her famous chimpanzee call, we were invited into her world of most amazing life experiences; stories of chimpanzee at play, chimp parenting style, hierarchy struggles within the troupe, and mans interference with the Gombe primates. We learned that her passion stretches beyond chimpanzees, to educate the people of Congo and preventing the Bushmeat trade, to helping locals through community centred conservation programs. She aims to help improve the lives of all troubled species animal and human. However she cannot do this alone and has set up two world organizations, Roots and Shoots and the Jane Goodall Institute.

Her message to us is never to give up hope, everyone can make a difference everyday. She tells us that we need to consider what our actions will do to the next generations and that we need our intellect to be powered by our heart. It is the melting within the human heart that will save the planet.

Our challenge as WIC students is: What are we going to do to make the world a better place?



Alumni Homecoming!!

Thursday, May 8th, 2008

On the evening of May 8, 2008, The College hosted its first "official" homecoming gathering for all alumni of WIC Calgary. Held in the new Centre for the Arts in the Jack A. Grant Building, the event proved to be a great success with approximately 150 former students showing up to reminisce, reconnect and remark upon their years in high school. Individuals from virtually all twenty-two graduation classes were present, although it must be admitted that those who graduated in the twenty-first century were in the majority.

The concept of a "homecoming" is a huge element of the culture of successful schools and colleges south of the border. Homecoming dances, homecoming kings and queens, and of course, the homecoming game all evoke fond memories for those who have been educated in the USA, and for very good reasons. Homecoming is a time of unfettered joy, unrestricted forays into the memory bank, and unlimited bragging rights for those who have maintained their girlish figures or full heads of hair!

While some of this was true for the WIC graduates who attended our event in May, that was not the primary focus for us that night, nor will it be the objective of the homecoming events in the years to come - circle May 7, 2009 the date of next year's homecoming! Our hope is that, for our alumni, these evening will be about coming home. Homes are nurturing environments; homes are "where the heart is"; homes are safe havens; homes are for families. We want our graduates to see WIC as all of these and, therefore, as something that should be preserved for generations to come.

It is our sincere hope that the Class of 2008 will come home to WIC next year and will join with their fellow alumni members then, and in the future. After all they will have just joined a very exclusive family - the WIC Alumni Association.

~ Jack A. Grant, Headmaster



Happy Retirement!!

June 2008



Year Started at W.I.C.:

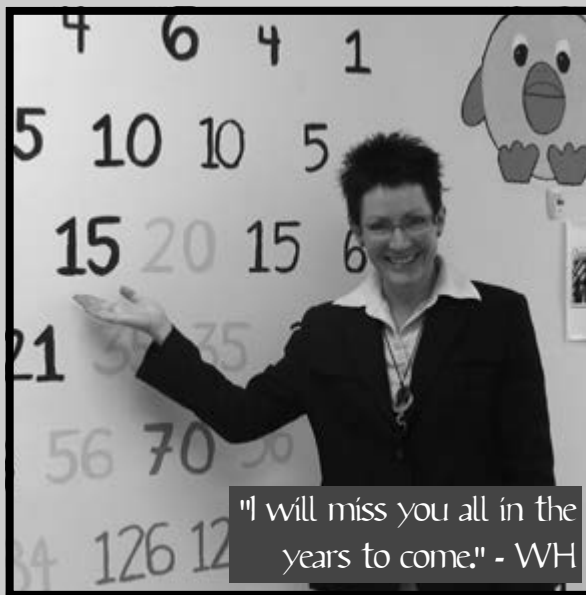
1996 (12 years!)

Job Description(s):

Senior High Math Teacher,
Student Council Advisor,
Graduation Committee Advisor,
Math Central Coordinator,
Summative Schedule Coordinator

"Over the years I have had the privilege of watching the 'little' grade 10s grow into mature, independent, young men and women. Whether they were Math Superheroes or not, I knew that they would be leaving WIC as Superstars, well prepared to take on any challenge with perseverance, dedication, and, most importantly, a keen sense of ha ha (*some with a little more ha ha than perseverance and dedication*).

"Whether you stay at WIC for a year, six years, or, like myself, a full twelve wonderful years, enjoy your community, support each other, and laugh a lot! The memories you make are in direct proportion to your involvement in the WIC community. (*I needed to slip a bit of math lingo into this somehow!*)"



"I will miss you all in the years to come." - WH

MRS. WENDY HOLLINSHEAD



Irene and André are part of WIC's family. They have been with the College since 1990. We will miss your hearty laughs and great sense of humour. With thanks and best wishes!

MRS. IRENE GAGNON



André started in 1984, then went to Montreal in 1986 to work at WIC there. He returned in 1989, and has been part of the WIC family ever since.

Happy Retirement!

MR. ANDRE GAGNON

Staff Photo before the move to Blackfoot





Yearbook Address 2008

From the end of last year to the end of this year, the entire yearbook team has been working hard to complete the yearbook that you see before you. Countless lunchtimes, after school sessions, and weekend work periods have gone into the layout, photography, and collecting of information displayed throughout this yearbook. From the first Awards Ceremony to the WICAA Awards Breakfast at the end of the year, it is our hope that every possible event is included in this yearbook. Without the hard work of this year's yearbook team, we could not confidently say that everyone will be able to find themselves in this year's edition of Voyages.

We would like to thank all of the hard working staff who tirelessly and religiously took the photos and wrote up the lists. Your efforts really helped to complete this yearbook successfully. We would especially like to thank Ms. Law and Ms. Meckelborg for all of their hard work and contributions, not only to the editing process, but for committing their lunch hours and prep time taking on such a daunting task in their first year as members of the WIC community. We would also like to thank Mark Illing (Grad 2008) for contributing his fabulous artwork which can be found all throughout this edition of Voyages. Finally, we would like to thank each other for completing all of the tedious editing jobs and organizing that had to be done. So thank you to all and enjoy the final pages of the yearbook!

Andrew Cornhill & Emily Donaldson
Yearbook Editors '07-'08



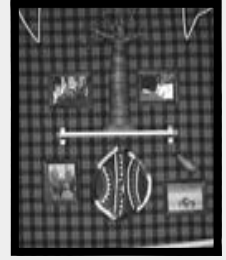


*Thanks for
the hard work
put in by all
Yearbook
members this
year!*



Back Row : Afton Reid, Ms. Meckelborg, Kristina Burt , Erin Baird, Aidan Cornhill, Andrew Cornhill, David Babcock, Geoff Forget
Middle Row : Doug MacArthur, Erika Thompson, Christina Screpnechuk, Alexandra Screpnechuk, Cat Bootle, Raveen Virk, Ms. Law
Front Row : Mikaela Gerwing, Jen Kim, Cole Fawcett **Missing :** Emily Donadlson, Brooke Campbell, Julia Martin, Francois Giguere





WIC HUMANITARIAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Greek Tree Planting : \$14,000

Travel Studies : \$10,000

Children's Hospital : Grade Seven Artwork

Food Bank : Food, Clothing, & Cell Phone Drives

Mustard Seed : Pointsetta Sales

Mustard Seed Church: Proceeds from WIC Fair

Ronald McDonald House : \$4000 & Cassie Campbell Hockey Tournament

World Vision : Candy Gram Sales

Waging Peace-Children of Darfur : \$4000 & Proceeds from Gr. 9 Buisness Fair

CAMTA : \$4000 - Half Fashion Show Proceeds

Jane Goodall Institute : Coffee & Chocolate Sales

Kinettes Cinderella Project: Dress & Jewelry Drive

SOPAK : \$4500 for 6 Wells



OUR SCHOOL TODAY

Student Population : 459

... in Junior. School : 232

... in Senior. School : 227

Staff Population : 63

Classrooms : 25

... in Davies Building : 19

... in the Annexe : 6

Mac Computers : 1

Projectors : 19

Toilets : 26

Microwaves : 4

Water Fountains : 6

Lost & Found Items : 117

Vending Machines : 4

Parking Spots In the Parkade : 36

Distance Travelled by Senior Travel Studies : 92,964 km

Distance Travelled by Junior Travel Studies : 11,000 km





Landscapes
- Sarah Pradhan



Architecture
- Taylor Arnett